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MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

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2. Attenders at Quarterly Meeting at Hartford to be held on 2/2/64 will be this meetings representatives. They are to present a concern of this meeting for a more active participation in the affairs of the Beacon Hill Friends House of this Quarterly Meetings representatives.

3. Georgeana Foster was appointed to collect the new names suggested for the meeting and to be prepared to review the arguments pro and con a change of name at the next monthly meeting. It would be helpful to have the names posted on the bulletin board. Hope was expressed that a decision might be reached at the next monthly meeting.

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-9. The Treasurer presented the following report:

Savings Account:		$ 461.69
Operating Budget:	Balance, 5/31/63	$ 175.63
	Current budget	2495
	Received since 6/1	1339.50
	Balanced to be raised	1150.50
Building Fund	Balance, 5/31/63	6905.77
	Contributions	4077
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5. The Finance Committee was asked to take any steps it deems advisable to secure the payments of the 1964 commitments to the amortization fund by June 1964.

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7. Means of raising the $3,300 for furniture was discussed. It became clear to many Friends that the Sunset Avenue lot would probably have to be sold, and that this matter should be discussed in the near future. The meeting also approved the borrowing of additional money from the Greendfield Meeting.

8. In view of the interest ~~p~~ in preparing a history of the meeting in connection with the dedication of the meetinghouse, a committee consisting of Helen Griffith, Francis Holmes and Fritz Kaufhold, convenor, was appointed for this purpose.

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A decision as to how the benches are to be made - by meeting labor or by outside contract - and how they are to be paid for should also be made at the next monthly meeting. Postponement of decisions will delay the ~~mail~~ procurement of the benches beyond the opening of the meetinghouse.

Respectfully submitted

Robert M. Agard

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REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE January 8, 1964.

In late September, 1963, when the decision was made to request bids for the new meetinghouse, the estimated amount needed (including architect's fee but nothing for landscaping or furnishings) was $ 70,015. The finance committee reported that Friends and attenders had indicated readiness to make gifts which added to other available funds would make possible a $ 21,000 down payment, but that commitments toward amortization were $ 900 to $ 1,000 short of the $ 3,670 estimated as needed for annual payments.

Bids were higher than the estimates. The figure accepted for the contract (exclusive of equipment) was $ 67,400. This, with architect's fee and $ 500 added for lightening rods, came to $ 74,640, compared to the $ 70,015 upon which previous calculations had been based. Meanwhile, commitments for additional contributions had been made which more than covered the previous amortization deficit on the estimated cost but did not cover all the amortization cost for the accepted bid.

Following is the situation as of January 5, 1964:

1. - Commitments toward initial contract expense are short of the amount needed by $ 640. Of these commitments, $ 450 are still to be received by the treasurer. Some contributors have increased the amount of their gifts above the amount committed to the extent that the actual shortage will be only about $ 190 when all commitments are received.

2. - Annual charges (amortization plus interest to Meeting House Fund) amount to approximately $ 3,956. Commitments to date total $ 3,701, leaving us short $ 255 per year of the amount needed for annual charges.

3. - Special expenses outside the contract costs have occurred as follows:

Surveyor	$ 182.07
Insurance	268.00
Attorney	312.83
Total	$ 762.90

Also, interest on amounts advanced to us by the bank during construction to pay the contractor may amount to as much as $ 1,000. (Our regular monthly amortization payments to the bank will not start until some weeks after the meeting house has been completed.) Since the first year for which amortization commitments were made ends May 31, 1964, we can expect to receive before June an amount of $ 3,701 ($ 2,460 of this is already in the hands of the treasurer.) Against this we have the above charges totalling $ 1, 762.90, leaving about $ 1,938 as yet uncommitted from the first year's amortization fund.

4. - Present concerns of the finance committee are five:

a. Contributors should be encouraged to complete their gifts toward initial building expenses as soon as possible.

b. Provision should be made to cover the $ 190 deficit in initial expense. (Perhaps by authorizing the treasurer to pay it from amortization funds?)

c. Contributors should be reminded that gifts toward the current year's amortization should be in the hands of the treasurer before June.

d. A way must be found to cover the amortization deficit of about $ 255 per year.

e. There has been no provision made to date for covering the additional $ 3,300 needed for such equipment as stove, refrigerator, kitchen cabinets, folding chairs, tables and benches. This must be done far enough in advance so that equipment can be bought, built and installed by the time the building is ready for use.

Robert M. Myers, Chairman

c. Contributions should be remitted this week to the bank of the treasurer using
   envelopes provided.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Minutes of the Meeting held 2/12/64

-. The regular monthly meeting was held at the Grange Hall in Amherst at 7:45 pm on 2/12/64 with 17 Friends present. During the period of mediation the clerk read the sixth query.

1. The Minutes of the meeting held 1/8/64 were read and corrected. It was agreed to approve these minutes as they are to be written.

2. The requst of Stephanie C. Burnham for a transfer of membership to the Reno meeting was approved.

3. The reaction of the discussion of the Queries at Woolman Hill was favorable, and the desirability of further meetings for continuing the discussion was indicated. The possibility of centering the Adult Discussion Group on this subject was suggested.

-. Philip Woodbridge announced that in view of a new meeting for worship of Friends in Putney for southern Vermont and New Hampshire. the meeting for worship in Greenfield is discontinued.

-. Georgeana Foster reported on Quarterly Meeting, held at Hartford on 2/2/64. Among the items of business was the announcement of the organization of a meeting for worship in Springfield under the care of the Hartford Meeting.

4. After an extended discussion, the meeting approved the sale of the Sunset Avenue lot and the use of the proceeds for the construction and furnishing of the new meetinghouse. John Zahradnik, Francis Holmes and John Foster were appointed a committee to negotiate the sale. They were authorized to consult experts. Hope was expressed that the land not be sold for purposes uncongenial to friends. There was a widely held feeling that the lot should be sold at a fair market value.

-. John Zahradnik announced for the Building Committee that arrangements have been made for a sign at the site of the new meetinghouse, the cost to be divided among the meeting, the architect, and the contractor. He also announced that the all purpose ~~room~~ wing had been enclosed and that framing for the meeting room and library is being worked on.

5. A discussion of the benches for the meetinghouse resulted in the conclusion that the Building Committee, Trevor Robinson, and the architect should seek a ~~modified~~- compromise design. It seemed, further, that the best solution to the making of the benches is to purchses the benches unfinished rather than to try to make them ourselves. It was hoped that suitable benches could be obtained for under $2500. The ~~Commi~~ Building Committee was authorized to expend funds for a sample bench and to enter a contract for their manufacture.

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6. Friends agreed to take advantage of Laurence Miller's visit to New England to meeting with him early in March, probably the 6th or the 9th. Details of the meeting will be arranged by the Program Committee. Laurence Miller is Executive Secretary of the Friends General Conference.

7. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee was asked to prepare a letter opposing the death penalty to be sent to the Joint Judiciary Committee of the General Court and to arrange for its presentation.

-. The meeting concluded at 10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting 3/11/64

The regular monthly meeting was held at 7:45 pm on 3/11/64 in the Grange Hall in Amherst with 14 Friends present. During the opening meditation the clerk read an Advice of London Yearly Meeting regarding the holding of the meeting for business. The minutes of the meeting of 2/12/64, having been approved as written, were read.

1. The presentation of a query on Young People by the Student Outreach Committee engendered a discussion of the use of Queries by the Meeting. The Committee's proposed query was accepted: Are you sensitive to the needs of students and young people in our midst?

2. The suggestion that Meeting for Worship precede 1st Day School and Adult Discussion and that Meeting begin at 10:30 am was referred to each standing committee to assess its implications, and Ministry and Counsel was asked to make recommendations regarding the use of Queries during the Meeting for Worship. The suggestion that children and young people attend meeting for the first 15 minutes instead of the last was referred to the Religious Education Committee.

It was announced that a joint meeting of Amherst and Smith students will be held at the Rices' on 15 March at 5:30 pm. Friends are encouraged to attend and are asked to call the Rices or the Havenses.

3. The sale of the Sunset Avenue lot making additional funds available for building construction, consideration was given to features to be added to the meetinghouse. It was agreed that storm-windows be added and that the Building Committee be urged to add screens. This Committee was asked to obtain a contract estimate for a fireplace. The installation of carpet in the meeting room was approved in principle, but the Building Committee was asked to investigate further the matters of cost and kind and to report to next monthly meeting.

4. The new bench design was accepted subject to the satisfactory performance of a full-scale model, which the Building Committee was authorised to procure.

5. The vacancy on the History Committee created by the resignation of Fritz Kauthold was filled by the appointment of Teresina Havens.

6. Frances Crowe and Fritz or Alison Kauthold were appointed as overseers for the Good Friday Peace Vigil in Boston.

7. The Nominating Committee presented a description of duties to be assigned to the Building Committee upon the completion of the meetinghouse and a recommendation that a Friend be designated as the Schedule Officer. This committee, as envisioned by the Nominating Committee, is responsible for the maintainance of the meetinghouse and grounds and with scheduling its use. A discussion of names of committees was resolved by empowering the Nominating Committee for determine the names of committees.

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting 3/11/64

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A discussion of a query on Young People by the Crescent Outreach Committee was followed by a discussion of the use of queries by the Meeting. The Committee's question was accepted: Are you sensitive to the needs of students and young

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-. The Clerk expressed appreciation to John Zahradnik and Curtis Johnson for their careful attention to the construction details on the new meetinghouse.

8. The Clerk reported that the Sunset Avenue lot had been sold by the Special Committee to Louis Foods for $15,000. This transaction received meeting approval.

-. A volunteer was asked for to type that newsletter. As an alternative, the secretarial service which miscopies his the letter would also be asked to type it.

-. After a period of meditation the meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Agard

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MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 4/8/64

-. The regular monthly meeting was held at the Amherst France Hall on 4/8/64 at 7:45 pm with 13 Friends present. During the opening meditation that James and Inez Fuller be remembers by Friends. James has recently been obliged to return to the hospital.

-. The minutes of the meeting of 3/4/64, which had been approved as written, were read.

-. The treasurer presented the following report.

Regular Budget		
	Balance on hand 6/1/63	175.85
	Operating budget	2495.
	Constributions	1841.50
	To be raised	693.50
	Paid on 1964-65 budget	273.80
Building Fund		
	Balance on hand, 6/1/63	6954.77
	Contributions	4528.24
	Sale of lot	15000.
		26434.01
	Balance- Spent	15773
	Balance	10660.51
Amortization Fund		
	Balance on hand 6/1/63	627.50
	Contributions	3338.50
		3966
	Interest	90.63
	Balance	3875.37
	Paid on 1964-65 budget	375.00

(Spiritual Condition)

1. The Report of the state of the Society, prepared by Ministry and Council, was read and approved; the duplication of this report and its distribution with the Newsletter were likewise approved. Margaret Holden offered to arrange for the duplication of the report.

2. Trevor Robinson presented, on behalf of the Building Committee, the model bench which was accepted with the following provisos:

That the screw heads on the seat be unfilled and that cushions be purchased for all benches;
That raising the front edge of the bench seat by 1/4 inch be considered by the architect;
That footrests be added to the number of benches as determined by the Building Committee, subject to the approval of the architect.

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3. The clerk presented information regarding carpet for the meeting room, and it was agreed that carpet be installed and that the Building Committee determine the quality and color of carpet to be selected in consultation with the architect.

4. Trevor Robinson presented information of the cost of a fireplace in the all-purpose room, and it was agreed to install one in this room.

5. Friends attended Quarterly Meeting to be held in New Haven 5/3/64 were appointed delegates.

6. The announcement of the availability through the AFSC of David Hartsough as a speaker was referred to the Student Outreach Committee, which was authorized to expend funds for an honorarium.

7. To the announcement of Peace Caravans of the Friends General Conference, the clerk was asked offer hospitality and to indicate that the possibility of a large meeting is unlikely.

8. The meeting agreed to assume the expences incurred by the Building Committtee in securing improved anchors for the trusses in the Meetinghouse.

9. Philip Woodbridge announced that gift of a stove to the Meetinghouse by Dudley H. and Alice Woodbridge of Morristown, N.J., The clerk was asked to express our appreciation of the gift.

10. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

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Robert M. Agard

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b. The announcement of the availability through the AFSC of Lyrid Martinson as a speaker was referred to the Student Outreach Committee, which has authorized funds for an honorarium.

c. The announcement of Peace Caravans of the Syracuse Regional Conference, the flyer was again offered hospitality and to indicate that the possibility of a large [illegible] is available.

d. The action agreed to assume the expenses incurred by the Building Committee [illegible] approved and more the increase in the telephone.

e. [illegible] acknowledge announced that gift of a stove to the Westbury Mtg by [illegible], and Alice Woodbridge of Mount Kisco Mtg. Mrs. Olivia was asked to [illegible] appreciation of the gift.

--. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting, 5/13/64

1. The regular meeting for business was held at the Grange Hall in Amherst on 5/13/64 at 7:45 pm with 9 Friends present. During the opening period of meditation, the clerk read the second query.

1. The Minutes of the meeting of 4/8/64 were read and corrected, having been approved as written.

2. From discussion of the minutes arose the question of paying transporation on costs on the stove given by Dudley and Alice Woodbridge. John Zahradnik was asked to determine this cost and the Treasurer was asked tonpay it.

3. The Treasurer reported that up to 4/8/64, $1801.50 had been received toward the current operating budget, leaving $693.50 to be raised. In the past month, $397.00 has been received, leaving $296.50 to be raised by the end of May.

3. The matter of changing the name of the meeting was presented and approval was given to changing it. After extended discussion, it seemed right to present a summary of this discussion in the Newsletter and to indicate that the name Mt. Toby was generally preferred.

4. The clerk asked that Friends planning to attend yearly meeting make their intentions know, so that their names might be suggested as representatives from our Quarterly Meeting. The Curtis Johnsons indicated that they are planning to attend.

4. The report of the Nominating Committee, which is attached to these minutes, was approved with the exception of the Hospitality Committee. Approval of this item was deferred to a later meeting.

5. Helen Griffith, David and Margaret Belden, Russell Brooks, and Robert Allard, convenor, were named to serve as the Nominating Committee for 1964-66.

6. The meeting expressed thanks for Georgana Foster for her services as keeper of the mailing list.

5. The clerk expressed pleasure in the increased willingness during the past four years for members of the meeting to participate in the work of the meeting.

7. John Zahradnik told the meeting of Stephen Fletcher's offer to serve as a consultant in the landscaping of the meeting house. This offer was received with great appreciation. In discussion, it was hoped that the landscaping would be simple in appearance and easy to maintain. Details are to be arranged by Stephen

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Fletcher and the Building Committee.

8. The clerk called attention to a Pendle Hill Conference on the Ministry to the Academic Community on 10-13 September. The meeting is invited to send at least one delegate, for which the paying of attendance expenses was approved. Ministry and Counsel was asked to name the delegate, preferably from its membership.

9. Traveling minutes were approved for John and Georgana Foster, Trevor and Laura Robinson, and Thomas and Frances Crowe.

10. It was agreed to hold meeting for worship at 10 am from 21 June through 6 September.

-. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Agard

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Recording Clerk

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Planner and the Building Committee.

8. The Clerk called attention to a Pupils Mill Conference on the Ministry to the Community on 15-13 December. The meeting is invited to read or leave the Lounge, for which the saving of attendance measure was approved. Ministry [illegible] was asked to make the delegate, preferably from its membership.

9. [illegible] meeting minutes were approved for John and Georgiana Foster, Trevor and Laura [illegible], and Thomas and Frances Crowe.

10. [illegible] agreed to hold meeting for worship at 10 am from 21 June through 6 [illegible].

[illegible] adjourned at 10:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Agard
Recording Clerk

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Middle Connecticut Valley Monthy Meeting of Friends

May 13, 1964

Nominations for meeting officers for June, 1964, through June, 1966

Clerk: Trevor Robinson

Recording Clerk: Francis Holmes

Treasurer: Barbara Gilbert

Nominations for Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel
(alphabetical order)

Phyllis Agard
Russell Brooks
Lester or Margaret Clarke
Helen Griffith
Margaret Holden
Fritz Kaufhold
Julia Leonard
Philip Woodbridge
Miriam Zahradnik
M.M.Clerk, Trevor Robinson ex officio

Nominations for members of Meeting committees
The convener is named first. Members are then named in alphabetical order.

Newsletter
Editors: Gladys Myers
Robert Myers
Staff: Steve Fletcher
Mary Kentfield
Catherine Leonard
William Ross
Harold Winchester

Peace and Social Concerns
Convener: Philip Woodbridge
Members: Leone Barron
Frances Crowe
Judy Harrison
Robert Harrison
Gertrude Huntington
Mary Kentfield
David Leonard
Robert St. Clair
Adele Wehmeyer

Program
Convener: Frances Crowe
Members: Robert Agard
Miriam Zahradnik

Clothing
Convener: Mary Taylor
Members: Anne Agard
Ellen Agard
Susan Fletcher
Flora Johnson
Francis Holmes
Dorothy March

Religious Education
Convener: Phyllis Agard
Members: Anne Agard
Ethel DuBois
Bryce Ford
Barbara Gilbert
Teresina Havens
Bruce Hawkins
Nancy Rice
Robert St.Clair
William Ross

History and Records
Convener: Fritz Kaufhold
Members: Janet Ford
Helen Griffith
William Ross
Mary Taylor

Student Outreach
Conveners: Joseph Havens &
Michael Rice
Members: Bryce ford
David Huntington
Curtis Johnson
Myrtle Johnson
Margarete Koppitz
David Leonard
Elizabeth St. Clair
representative students from the 4 colleges

Outreach No convener for '64-'65
For 65-'66 Georgana Foster
Members: Margaret Holden
Allison Kaufhold
Margaret Marlar
Lois Winchester

Library
Convener: Helen Griffith
Members: Ellen Agard
Robert Agard
Francis Holmes
Catherine Leonard
Dorothy March
Gladys Myers

Hospitality
Convener: Mary Clark
Janet Ford
Catherine Leonard
Elizabeth St. Clair

Finance	Convener:	Robert Myers
	Members:	Thomas Crowe
		John Foster
		David Holden
		Treasurer, Barbara Gilbert, ex officio

MEETINGHOUSE	Convener:	John Zahradnik
	Scheduler:	Robert Agard
	Members:	Ethel DuBois
		Steve Fletcher
		Georgana Foster
		Robert Harrison
		David Huntington
		Curtis Johnson
		Myrtle Johnson

Trustees: To serve six year terms, starting in June, 1964:

Thomas Crowe
Barbara Brooks

To serve ex officio, while serving as treasurer:

Barbara Gilbert

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Holmes, Convener
John Foster
David Huntington
Philip Woodbridge

MINUTES, MIDDLE CONN. VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, JUNE 10, 1964.

- Meeting opened with a period of silence and the reading of ninth and tenth queries.

Robert Myers was appointed recording clerk pro tem.

Minutes of Meeting for Business on May 13 were read.

- Trevor Robinson reported that Phyllis Agard was appointed to attend the conference at Pendle Hill Sept 10-13, on Ministry to the Academic Community.

1. The Clerk reported a request for transfer of membership to this Meeting of Stevenson W. Fletcher III and Susan Cadwallader Fletcher of Newtown, Pa., Monthly Meeting and Salem, N. J., Monthly Meeting, respectively, accompanied by a request from them that their daughter Anne Cadwallader Fletcher be recorded as an associate member. Requests approved.

- The Clerk reported that investigations disclose the word "Toby" has two meanings: it indicates a receptacle for drinking beer and is also used to indicate a large black cigar. But it is also a diminutive of "Tobias" which means "The Goodness of God"./ Mount Toby itself is named after Capt. L. Nathan Toby, reputed to be the first white man to have reached the summit. Consideration of the name "Mount Toby Monthly Meeting" postponed.

2. The contractor has agreed to have the meeting room ready for use by July 1, and the remainder of the building three weeks later. Benches will be ready for use. Friends approved discontinuing use of the Grange Hall by the end of June.

- Steve Fletcher reported that plans about landscaping are under discussion, with hopes for a lawn and a start on other planting before fall.

3. The Nominating Committee reported that Friends wish to have Fellowship luncheons continued, but that no member of Meeting has been found to act as chairman. The Nominating Committee recommends that Hospitality Committee be discontinued. It was felt that the Meeting House Committee would be carrying some of the responsibilities formerly belonging to Hospitality Committee. It was approved that we postpone appointment of such a committee, with appreciation to those who have offered their services.

4. Friends approved omitting the August Meeting for Business, with the Chairman of the Meeting House Committee authorized to call a Meeting for Business if any need should develop. We shall need to appoint a committee for Quarterly Meeting at July Meeting.

5. John Foster read texts of travelling minutes authorized at May Monthly Meeting for Trevor and Laura Robinson and for Thomas and Frances Crowe. These were approved.

6. Friends approved the drafting of the travelling minute for John and Georgana Foster by Trevor Robinson.

7. A report was presented from Meeting for Ministry and Counsel on the question of a change in schedule for adult forum, Meeting for Worship and First Day School. It was suggested that the present schedule be followed for two months after resumption of activities in the fall, with possible reconsideration later. After extended discussion this was approved, with the directive that forum be ended at least ten minutes before time for Meeting for Worship.

- The Clerk requested a volunteer to be responsible for opening and closing the Grange Hall until July. Steve Fletcher agreed to do this.

A need was reported for sponsors for young people attending Yearly Meeting. Louis Marsteller has agreed to sponsor three young Friends for our Meeting.

8. Annual reports from Library Committee and Student Outreach Committee were read and accepted.

Friends approved asking the Trustees to take responsibility for deciding where the dead in the meeting house property should be kept.

10. After further consideration of change in the name of the Meeting, with no clear sense of the Meeting, it was approved that no action be taken on this matter.

11. After consideration of two samples of materials available to cover cushions for the benches, Friends approved buying the less expensive cloth-covered cushions in place of plastic.

- Friends were reminded that new committees now take office in June.

Robert M. Myers
Recording Clerk pro-tem.

Annual Report of Student Outreach Committee

May 1964

postmarked Aug. 20, 1964

Since its appointment last fall the Student outreach Committee has held four meetings, three of them attended by varying numbers of students from the four colleges.

From these meetings there emerged a recommendation that it was not advisable for the Monthly Meeting to establish an extensive student program that was set apart from the normal activities of the Meeting. Students consulted expressed strongly their interest in being included in all Meeting concerns and in developing informal relationships with members on an individual basis. The ideal of thorough integration of all members and attenders of the Meeting--student and adult--needs to be kept constantly before us; but its attainment has continued to be elusive. As one step in enlarging channels of communication between the Meeting and students, student representatives were named from each of the four colleges. Student groups have continued meeting together at Smith and Mt. Holyoke with active participation by certain adult members; but the geographical spread among those who attend our meeting will probably always hinder a thorough mixing of all students with all members.

Plans have been made for several special activities next fall with the hope of calling attention of students to the Meeting early in the school year. Information will also be prepared for publication in the student handbooks of the four colleges.

The committee initiated a proposal for consideration by the Monthly Meeting that it might be desirable to interchange the times of the adult discussion group and meeting for worship. A query was also prepared for use by the Meeting if it seemed appropriate--~~A~~ "Are you sensitive to the needs and interests of students and young people in your midst?"

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LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT for 1963-1964

postmarked Aug. 20, 1964

Happy is the country that has no history runs a familiar saying. How different the case with committees! The Library Committee is unhappy that it has so little history to record. To be sure the budget has been spent for a few new books and to replenish equipment. Also volumes of Friends Journal and The Friend (London) have been bound. BUT

The committee has held fewer meetings than ever before; fewer books and pamphlets have been processed and shelved than ever before (about twenty-five); fewer gifts of books from Meeting members and attenders than ever before (the bulk of our additions have usually come from this source); and worst of all, fewer books taken out by members and attenders.

However there are some sizable debts of gratitude to pay in which the Monthly Meeting as a whole should join. Curtis Johnson and his helpers have never been properly thanked for making that so-useful display shelf you see weekly, or those long-suffering people, whoever they are, who come early and among other things lug the heavy shelffull of books up from the basement and at the end return it to its congested hiding place. It must be a discouraging labor if they observe that almost nobody has bothered to look over the books or take any out.

Another thank-you should go Louis Marstaller and his New England Yearly Meeting office for collecting and giving to us the minutes of New England Yearly Meeting from 1945, (the date of the coming together of the two yearly meetings) and also the minutes from 1906 of one of its constituents, the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

Also we should again thank the Zahradniks for their generous hospitality. Their parlor with all the imported shelves has been a welcome haven for our library during these difficult years.

Respectfully submitted, Hope Griffith, Chairman

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR BUSINESS, JULY 8, 1964, AT THE GRANGE HALL, AMHERST, MASS.

1. The meeting opened at 8:03 p.m. with the reading of the 8th query and a short period of silent worship. Attendance then was 7.

2. The minutes of the Business Meeting of June 10 were read.

3. John Zahradnik reported that after consultation with his subcontractors, the contractor, Anthony E. Conklin, was obliged to revise his promise, to the effect that we now can move into the new meeting house at the end of July. Meanwhile, the contractor is paying our rent at the Grange for the month of July.

4. Steve Fletcher agreed to continue to open the Grange Hall during July.

5. Trevor Robinson reported that the travelling minute for the Fosters has been written and given to them.

6. It was approved that future nominating committees should bear in mind the difficulties often encountered by a non-member in the attempt to serve as a committee chairman.

7. The annual report of the Clothing and Relief Committee was accepted and is attached hereto.

8. The annual report of the Treasurer was accepted, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT - END OF FISCAL YEAR 1963-64

In regular treasury at beginning of fiscal year.....	$208.70
Contributed toward this year's budget.....	2,769.00
Total.....	2,977.70
Spent on budget ($2495.00 was budgeted).....	-2,279.75
Balance in regular treasury.....	697.95
In Building Fund at beginning of fiscal year.....	6,905.77
Contributed this year to building fund.....	4,506.24
From sale of lot.....	15,000.00
Loan from Greenfield Meeting.....	4,000.00
Grant from Meeting House Fund, Friends General Conference.....	2,000.00
Loan from Meeting House Fund, Friends General Conference.....	4,000.00
From Amherst Savings Bank.....	5,625.00
Total.....	42,037.01
Spent on Building expenses (not including interest).....	-30,400.50
Now in Building Fund.....	11,636.51
In Amortization & Interest Fund at beginning of fiscal year...	627.50
Contributed this year.....	3,568.00
Total.....	4,195.50
Spent (interest paid to Amherst Savings Bank).....	-137.51
Now in Amortization & Interest Fund for this year.....	4,057.99
Contributed toward next year's budget.....	273.80
Contributed toward next year's Amortization & Interest Fund...	375.00
Now in Savings Account.....	508.71
In Total Treasury (excluding Savings Account).....	$17,041.25

Thomas J. Crowe, 95 Round Hill Road, Northampton, Mass.

8a. It was pointed out that the Amherst Savings Bank must know by the end of July what will be the maximum level of our mortgage. The Finance Committee is asked to submit this figure to the Monthly Meeting and to the bank.

9. The budget for the coming year has been submitted to the June Monthly Meeting for Business in past years. The Finance Committee is asked to prepare a budget for the fiscal year June 1, 1964, through May 31, 1965, for consideration of the September Monthly Meeting for Business.

10. For the Building Committee, John Zahradnik presented a list of special furnishings for the First Day School (about $260), and chairs and folding tables for the Fellowship Room (about $700 f.o.b.), not as yet approved in detail by the Business Meeting. Since benches and cushions have cost about $2300 of a budgeted $3000 for furnishings, approval is needed to exceed $3000 by about $300.

11. It was approved that the Building Committee may use a furnishings budget of $3500 for the time being, instead of $3000, in planning for furnishings to include rooms used for Religious Education Committee, Fellowship Room, Library, Kitchen, Office, and Clothing and Relief, providing that this extra $500 is available in the building fund. The Finance Committee is asked to advise the Building Committee whether it is available.

12. Barbara Gilbert, and John and Miriam Zahradnik were appointed Monthly Meeting representatives to the Quarterly Meeting in Rindge, New Hampshire, on August 2nd.

13. The October Quarterly Meeting will be here. Laura Robinson has volunteered to arrange the food-planning. It was approved that the Program Committee be asked to plan the program, to compose the notice to be sent out, and to consult with any other appropriate committees.

14. Change of Monthly Meeting name was further discussed but no decision made.

15. The following text for the sign at the new meeting house was approved:

FRIENDS MEETING
(QUAKERS)
WORSHIP 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY

with a provision for changing the hour announced for the meeting.

16. Friends are grieved to record the death of James Everard Fuller, a member of this Monthly Meeting, who passed away on May 22, 1964.

17. John Zahradnik called attention to the need for another active member on the present Board of Managers of the Beacon Hill Friends House. This Monthly Meeting will try to find one of its members, preferably from the Student Outreach Committee. John and Miriam Zahradnik were asked to find out at the August 2 Quarterly Meeting what procedure the Monthly Meeting should follow in this regard.

18. The Clerk announced that on the morning of July 18 there will be another bench-finishing session at the Zahradniks'.

19. The Clerk announced that the Meeting is invited to the Johnsons' farm for fellowship luncheon July 26. This will be announced at each of the next 2 meetings for worship.

20. The Clerk read announcements about:
    a. Sturbridge Village special meeting on July 12.
    b. pamphlets available on Avon.
    c. 2 conferences for High School students:
        1. Guilford College, North Carolina, August 9-14.
        2. Friendly Crossways, Littleton, Mass., August 20-26.

21. The Young Friends of North America sent a letter to the effect that they had lost our response about a caravan in our vicinity and their program is now fully worked out. Their closest meetings are in Concord, N.H., and Albany, N.Y.

22. It was approved that the dedication of the new meetinghouse be on the day of the October 1964 Quarterly Meeting, but distinct from the Quarterly Meeting's business by having the business session throughout the morning, followed by Quarterly Meeting dinner, followed by a meeting for worship in the new meeting house (which will constitute the dedication), followed by a tea. The Clerk will appreciate suggestions as to who should be invited, including people connected with the early history of this meeting.

23. The foregoing minutes were approved.

24. After a brief silence, the meeting closed at 10:55. Attendance then was 9.

F. W. Holmes

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk

THOMAS J. CROWE
95 ROUND HILL ROAD
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Treasurer Report - End of Fiscal Year 1963-64

208.70 in regular treasury at beginning of fiscal year
2769.00 Contributed toward this years budget

2977.70
-2279.75 spent on budget (2495.00 was budgeted)
697.95 balance in regular treasury

6905.77 in Building Fund at beginning of fiscal year
4506.24 Contributed this year to building fund from sale of lot
15000.00 Loan from Greenfield Meeting
4000.00 Grant from Meeting House Fund - F.F.C.
00.00 Grant from Meeting House Fund - Friends Gen Conf.
00.00 Loan from Amherst Savings Bank
5625.00

42,037.01
-30,400.50 Spent on Building Expenses (not incl int to Amherst Savings Bank)
11,636.51 now in Building Fund

627.50 in Amort. & Int. Fund at beginning of fiscal year
3568.00 Contributed this year

4195.50
-137.51 spent (Int. paid to Amherst Savings Bank
4057.99 now in Amort & Int. Fund for this year

273.80 Contributed toward next years budget
375.00 Contributed toward next years amort. + Int. Fund

508.71 now in Savings account
17,041.25 in Total Treasury (excluding Savings Acct)

(697.95 + 11,636.51 + 4057.99 + 273.80 + 375.00)

July 7,1964

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Report of Clothing and Relief Committee

Fiscal Year 1963-1964

As usual, clothing was collected continuously throughout the year in Amherst in a barrel at the First Congregational Church, and also was brought from elsewhere by individuals intermittantly to various members of the committee or to a box often placed outside the Friends Meeting room at the Grange Hall. A drive for men's clothing was conducted on the Amherst College campus in June 1964, thanks to the efforts of student Blair Stewart, recruited by Dudley Towne. Surprise balls of yarn were prepared by the children of the Friends Meeting at Christmas, and money collected on a Christmas tree.

The United Church Women's clothing group met twice a month throughout the year except summer, plus extra sessions after the drive, to sort, sew, clean, and pack the clothing under direction of Mrs. Ada Teague Mrs. W.W.Stifler and Mary Taylor. The Friends Meeting held additional sessions planned by Becky Holmes, to sort the clothing from the special drive. Three shipments were made this year to the Material Aids Section of the A.F.S.C. in Philadelphia (Dec.4, Apr.29, and July 6) for a total of 75 packages, weighing 2,576 pounds. This makes a total of 26,431 pounds shipped to A.F.S.C. from Amherst since January 1955 when the present program began under the Amherst Preparative Meeting (NOTE: for Sept.1962 to Aug.1963 data are mislaid and estimated at 2000 pounds.) Approximately the same weight of items was sent to Good Will Industries in Springfield, consisting of items not useful to the A.F.S.C. or with too little wear still in them to be worth long-distance shipping, or unrepairable with our facilities. Transportation from Holyoke to Philadelphia was donated, for the fourth consecutive year, by the Hugh F. Gannon Freight Forwarding Co., Dwight st., Holyoke, originally recruited by Peggy Holden.

Since the AFSC estimates its clothing program value at $1 per pound, and the less useful items sent to Good Will may be estimated at 1/10 as much, we find that we have handled $2,834 of relief materials in the past year and $28,074 since Jan. 1955. Considering that often we cannot give as much cash as we wish to give to the AFSC, we can feel pleased at being able to process and forward help of this value in addition to cash donations.

The capacities of the United Church Women's sewing group in Amherst about equal the regular influx of donated clothing, so that even when drives are held in this one town, we feel it necessary to set up a separate sorting group to try to ease the burden. For this reason, the Monthly Meeting's committee has not felt that it could afford to extend its efforts into others of the 100 towns in the 4 counties of western Massachusetts which are more-or-less in the area of our meeting - towns where there may or may not be clothing drives already under way. Now, however, with the imminent opening of our new facilities for storage, sorting, sewing and shipping from the new Meetinghouse, the possibility arises of leaving Amherst to the present set-up and using the new facility largely for work throughout the valley. Experience has shown that public appeals bring in far more clothing than labor to handle it. Therefore any broadening of our activity should be gradual and should be based on willingness by particular individuals to help sort and sew regularly and by particular individuals to serve as contact persons in various towns for collection and local transportation, and possibly even for establishment of local cleaning and mending groups. The clothing from such groups could be sorted and packed and shipped by use of our new rooms.

The A.F.S.C. reports that there is still urgent need in many areas of the world for material help, including particularly blankets and men's and children's clothing. Their experience has shown them that natural and man-made calamities follow one another with depressing regularity, so that clothing collected now may well serve its function in a disaster that will occur during the next month or two. The A.F.S.C. is remarkable among relief agencies for the close supervision it gives to its distribution of clothing without regard for questions of race, personality, religion, or politics, but solely on the basis of need. It is also well-known for the use of its material aids as part of a well-planned over-all program for rehabilitation that considers simultaneously the physical, mental, moral, and emotional aspects. Our meeting is well situated to serve as a focal point for funneling relief materials to Philadelphia from all of western New England, with both the new rooms in the new meetinghouse, and the free shipping available daily. We should not hesitate to make the best use of this fortunate state of affairs. Volunteers are encouraged to contact members of the Clothing and Relief Committee to discuss how they can best help.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis W. Holmes

for the Committee

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR BUSINESS, SEPTEMBER 9, 1964, AT THE GRANGE HALL, AMHERST, MASS.

(THERE WAS NO AUGUST MEETING)

1. The meeting opened at 7:58 p.m. with the reading of the 6th query and a short period of silent worship. Attendance then was 13.

2. The minutes of the Business Meeting of July 8, 1964, were read.

3. The Clerk requested that the annual reports of the Religious Education Committee and the Peace and Social Concerns Committee be submitted.

4. John Zabradnik reported for the Meetinghouse Committee that, at his request, the Committee has selected a new convener, who is Steve Fletcher. We now have a firm commitment from the Contractor that we can hold our first Meeting for Worship at the new meetinghouse on September 20. The Meetinghouse Committee has defined its present responsibilities as upkeep of buildings and grounds. Because of heat scheduling, Robert Agard should be advised of all meetings planned for the meetinghouse by the preceding Sunday.

The Committee suggests that rough clipping of the non-mowed areas be hired (at about $45 per year), that snow-plowing be hired (cost estimated by Finance Committee as $150 per year), and that 2 or 3 times per year professional floor-cleaners remove and replace and buff the wax on the floors. Steve Fletcher asked about the feeling of the Meeting about cleaning and grounds care, which are estimated at an average of ½ day per week for each function. The minimum estimated for a hired janitor and gardener is $500 per year. We have 50 resident adult members in the meeting, so janitorial and gardening work would require only about 8 hours per adult member per year. It was agreed that we try to do this by volunteer labor, at the start.

Steve Fletcher reported that most of the 3 acres will be put into pasture, and a lawn be put only near the building, especially at the front. He estimated $155 for fertilizer, lime and seed. Volunteer labor will be needed to pick stones, rake, and apply the necessary ingredients, on a Saturday about 2½ weeks from now. The Meetinghouse Committee will make the announcement by telephone when the exact time is known. More exact figures on snow-plowing, waxing, etc., will be provided by the next Monthly Meeting.

Steve Fletcher has 2 firm quotations on the plants needed to follow the landscaping plan around the meetinghouse itself, guaranteed to live, at $250 or $350, depending on the size of the plants. The planting will require our own volunteer labor. These plants represent about 2/3 of the total cost of plants in the landscape plan. The Meeting approved spending up to $300 for these foundation plants, choices on individual plants to be left to Steve Fletcher. In general, the Meeting is in favor of purchasing smaller plants at lower cost.

Steve Fletcher presented a list of maintenance and cleaning items that must eventually be bought, totaling $172.73. He further reported that for the Quarterly Meeting we shall need to get $110 worth of kitchen equipment, including a coffee percolator costing $30 to $40. The expenditure of this $110 was approved. We need future donations or purchases of a lawnmower, a refrigerator, a vacuum cleaner, equipment for a fenced-in play area, fireplace equipment and fire extinguisher. Becky Holmes donated a floor waxer and polisher. Peter Holmes' offer to give a used climbing gym to the Meeting for the playground was accepted. Teddy Marlar offered to donate a tractor tire for a sandbox.

5. John Zabradnik reported that the library area has a book display and bulletin board opposite the entry door. To avoid fluttering papers, the Meetinghouse Committee suggests the books remain in the center, the bulletin board be on the right side, and a pamphlet display be on the left. This proposal was approved.

6. John Zahradnik pointed out that the sign at the road will cost about $150. We still have no estimate on storm windows, which may reach $600, an amount which was previously authorized. The sign has been designed and lettered by the architect. The painter has not yet painted it. The Meeting approved that a line be added to the sign saying "ALL ARE WELCOME", its exact location to be left to the discretion of the Meetinghouse Committee.

7. For the Program Committee, Frances Crowe reported a proposal for a 2-day Quarterly Meeting, with a focus on race relations today, starting Saturday noon, with Meeting for Ministry and Counsel at 1:00 and program discussion starting at 3:00, the Sunday schedule being as in the July Minute 22. This plan is the expression of a concern that the Quarterly Meeting be a less automatic, less business-centered event, but serve better to bring together ideas in the Quarter about Friends' concerns. The Havenses reported Pendle Hill discussions along this line, which emphasized the accelerating urgency of racial problems. John Zahradnik reported that the Quarterly Meeting said the host Meeting may do as much as it wishes to make Quarterly Meetings more meaningful, even to having a session last several days. There was general expression of the desirability of a carefully-planned program of the type suggested, but of doubt as to whether we can add it to the unusual physical requirements of readying the new meetinghouse for its first Quarterly Meeting. The conference on race relations was postponed. It was approved that there may be announced informal activities on Saturday for those who want to come then, with an offer of overnight hospitality, the Program Committee and the Meetinghouse Committee to settle details of these.

8. The Clerk read a letter from Rutherford B. Everest, Pastor of the Worcester Monthly Meeting, at 19 Oxford Street, Worcester, Mass. He is convener of the Arrangements Committee of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, which accepts the invitation of our Quarterly Meeting to meet jointly with us in October, and he seeks details regarding how, when and where we can do so. It was approved that the Program Committee and the Clerk together determine how we can make arrangements to fulfill this obligation. It was pointed out that we have space for both groups to meet separately for business in our new meetinghouse if children are cared for outdoors or elsewhere during these meetings.

9. The Clerk proposed that a mimeographed sheet be prepared as a souvenir of the dedication day. It was agreed that there be reproduced a list of quotations, compiled by the Friends General Conference and held by Ethel Dubois, on the subject of welcoming people to worship.

10. The need for an Open House for the general community was expressed by John Zahradnik. It was not clear whether all would fit in the building in conjunction with the 2 Quarterly Meetings. It was approved that the Dedicatory Service be with the Quarterly Meetings present, on October 4, and that the community's Open House be the preceding week, September 27, both at Meeting for Worship and during the rest of the day.

11. John Zahradnik urged that a representative be appointed to discuss with the Amherst Journal Record whether the usual advertising in connection with the new meetinghouse can be diverted in part or whole into contributions to the American Friends Service Committee, with only a brief newspaper announcement of the opening and of appreciation for the part played by all concerned in the construction of the building. Responsibility for this and for publicity about the opening of the meetinghouse was given to and accepted by Joseph Havens.

12. The foregoing minutes were approved.

13. A minute of the Religious Education Committee, and explanatory comments thereon,

were read by Teresina Havens, proposing the strengthening of the meeting by a revision of the schedule of Sunday events, and an establishment of joint activities of children with adults. The proposal is attached to these minutes. The Meeting took no action thereon but adjourned at this point for 1 week, until 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, at the new meetinghouse. It was agreed that the Business Meeting at that time would start with a consideration of the proposal of the Religious Education Committee.

14. After a brief silence, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 p.m. Attendance then was 17. Maximum attendance during the meeting was 22.

F. W. Holmes

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk

Religious Education Committee Minute

I. Underlying concern: Saturday, September 5, 1964

The specific recommendations below arise out of a concern to strengthen our Meeting-for-Worship and the total life of our Meeting

a) by the greater participation of our children in Worship;

b) by all of us, of all ages, growing together in discovering the meaning of Worship in all aspects of life;

c) by all ages sharing creative ways to deeper awareness.

(We plan to write a letter to the children in each Meeting family, interpreting the spirit and intent of our new venture.)

II. Specific recommendations:

Starting with the first First Day in the new Meeting House (hopefully Sept. 20)

Meeting for Worship to be at 10 AM, families and children together

Children who need to leave, leave at about 10:20 for First-Day-School Groups

1st 3 grades - Ethel Dubois ~~xxxxxxx~~

~~4th~~-5th-6th grades - Bryce Ford

Jr-Hi's - David Lenard & Bruce Hawkins

11 - 11:15 Friendly visiting

11:15 - 12 Small interest groups - vertical (i.e. mixed ages, adults and children together on basis of interest, not of age) - limited to about 10 members each.

Starting with 2 groups: Bryce Ford - Art as a way of growing in awareness
Nancy Rice - Nature-study " " " " "

and gradually developing other groups as interests arise and leadership is available. Possible groups include the following:

Dramatization
Clay and pottery (possibly in Ethel Dubois' barn)
Poetry reading and writing
Service projects - AFSC sewing, mending, etc.
Physics and the spirit
Discussions - current issues,
personal faith
reports of conferences and workshops
Music
rhythmic movement + dance

One of the urgent reasons for recommending that Meeting-for-Worship be first, is the difficulty of either stopping or cleaning-up the painting-easels, clay and paint wielders once they are started! On the above plan, parents and other adults can not merely see what their children have done but do it with them after Meeting.

(not part of official minute, but should help to communicate its rationale)
How the Religious Education Committee arrived at ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ its conclusions:

A deep concern was voiced by Barbara Gilbert, Nancy Rice, and Bryce Ford that participation of our children in Meeting-for-Worship is central to our overall thinking and planning.

We need their presence in Meeting for Worship. We long for them - as well as for ourselves - to find their way into an inner sanctum of silence where we can hear the still small voice, especially in times of crisis and uncertainty.

But for this to happen, it is important that our children feel comfortable in Meeting - feel part of the Meeting Family. It will not be likely to happen unless many adults have taken the trouble to come to know ~~many~~ of the children, as people in their own right, not merely as appendages to other adults. This cannot be engineered by some sudden strategy, but can ~~xxxxxxx~~ grow if the ~~xxx~~ Meeting provides opportunities for natural sharing in ways meaningful to all ages and interwoven with the undergirding search for spiritual Centering.

The above considerations led us to envisage the possibility of the kind of creative interest groups discussed below.

Other concerns, such as that of David Leonard for our need of more background in Bible, Christian origins and church history, will, we hope, begin to be met by the proposed adult study series projected by Ministry and Council for 6 evenings this fall.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR BUSINESS, SEPTEMBER 16, 1964, AT THE NEW MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASS.

1. The meeting opened at 8:00 p.m. with a short period of silent worship. Attendance then was 12.

2. The minutes of the Business Meeting of September 9, 1964, were read.

3. The proposal of the Religious Education Committee was presented and discussed at length and the conclusion reached to defer any change in the scheduled time of Meeting for Worship until next Monthly Meeting and to continue meeting for worship at 11:00 until that time, with arrangements for First Day School left to the Religious Education Committee for that period. The Religious Education Committee will present a revised proposal at the next Monthly Meeting. A detailed summary of the discussion is attached to these minutes. cc. to Phyllis Agard

4. Helen Griffith presented the cause of changing the name of the Monthly Meeting and summarized the status of each name suggested to date. It must be settled soon for the sake of printed letterhead paper and a library rubber stamp. Since the meeting was not agreed upon any single name it preferred to the present one, the question was referred to a committee comprising Helen Griffith, Gladys Myers, Ethel Dubois, Philip Woodbridge, and Mary Kentfield, to study the subject and bring in a recommendation.

5. In view of our Dedication, Rutherford Everest told the Clerk that the Smithfield Quarterly Meeting will not meet with our Quarterly Meeting this October, although they may send representatives. Laura Robinson requests help with food for the Quarterly Meeting. The announcements of the Quarterly Meeting have been printed.

6. The purchase of calendars to send at Christmas (6¢ each plus postage) was approved. cc. to R Myers

7. Detailed consideration of the 1964-5 budget was postponed until the next Monthly Meeting. The totals proposed are:

Operating budget....	$3,085
Building budget.....	3,260
Total.....	$6,345

8. The foregoing minutes were approved.

9. Announcements:

a. In view of the Open House on September 27, Fellowship Lunch will be limited to coffee prepared centrally, and sandwiches brought by those who will consume them. A sheet will be posted for signing-up to help part of that afternoon.

b. The Meetinghouse Committee needs at least 4 able-bodied men and several women Saturday, September 18, at 9:00 a.m., to clean up the building.

c. The Religious Education Committee will be responsible for moving materials from the Grange Hall. This committee will meet tomorrow at 7:45 p.m. at Ethel Dubois' home.

d. Philip Woodbridge reported for Marion Woodbridge on the severity of the illness of Lucia Russell.

e. The Clerk announced that Marjorie Laufman was married last Saturday (September 12, 1964) to Milton Gordon. cc. to F. Kaufman

f. Ethel Dubois brought greetings from Walter and Elined Kotschnig.

10. The Student Outreach Committee requested $25 for the coming year, some to be spent during the coming month. The meeting approved that they spend several dollars in the coming month and asked the Finance Committee to include their request in the proposed budget. cc. to S [illegible] cc. to R Myers

11. The meeting closed at approximately 11:00 with a short period of silent worship. Maximum attendance during the meeting was 20. Respectfully submitted, Francis W. Holmes

Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends

Informal notes taken on the discussion on Minute 3 of September 9, 1964. These were not submitted to the Business Meeting for approval. F.W.Holmes.

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- The proposal was presented by Phyllis Agard. There was discussion on how long the children should or could stay in the meeting for worship, and whether they would all leave together or disturb the meeting by different classes leaving at frequent intervals; on whether the first or last part of the meeting is most meaningful for children; and on whether people from the more distant areas **werved** by the meeting could be present promptly by 10:00 a.m. in winter weather. Alternatives suggested were starting the plan at 10:30 and running through to 12:30, or reversing the 10:00 and 11;00 portions of the plan. Publicity for the current year has already announced meeting for worship as 11:00. College students must meet deadlines for their noon meals. More frequent Fellowship Luncheons were proposed. Support was expressed for the suggestion that late-comers enter only at 20 minutes after the beginning, when the children leave. It was then emphasized that the main point of the plan was to permit children and adults to work and play together non-verbally. Both strong doubts about radical changes, and high hopes and confidence were expressed by different persons on this point; examples of success elsewhere and testimony from the children were cited in support of the new plan. Many of **our** children don't like First Day School or Meeting for Worship, and this new plan is an experiment in prevention of their boredom through flexibility, something equivalent to Christmas activities that have left pleasant memories with us. The need not to abandon valuable formal learning of the facts about our religion wasurged. Importance of the presence of the childrer in meeting for worship was stressed, for the sakes of both children and adults. It was suggested that the plan be tried, not every Sunday but several times in the near future. The Clerk stated that the objections were not strong to changing the time of the worship meeting and proposed that the **Meeting** try the plan for a period of time. An amendment was suggested, that on Fellowship Lunch Sundays, a meeting-wide event be scheduled. Regardless of their method, the influence of the personalities of the particular teachers may be the deciding factor. It was proposed that the future of the meeting lies in the success of First Day School. Others considered that the future of the meeting lies in the employment in this vicinity of Quakers who may have had their childhood elsewhere. It was asked whether the period from 10:20 to 11:00 would consist of factual instruction. The answer was that this has not been determined and will depend on a joint decision between parents and teachers concerned. The impression had been obtained by others that this time, as well as that from 11:15 to 12:00, would be used for vertical togetherness. It was urged that a former decision of the Monthly Meeting be sustained, that <u>nothing</u> conflict with the meeting for worship. It then was urged that both adults and children be offered a choice about attendance at the silent meeting for worship, and other forms of worship of God, such as working in clay.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS/MT. TOM MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 1964, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASS.

1. The meeting opened at 7:50 p.m. with a period of silent worship and the reading of the first and second revised queries. Attendance then was 13.

2. The minutes of the business meeting of September 16, 1964, were read and minute 11 was corrected.

3. Trevor and Laura Robinson returned their traveling minute, endorsed by the Clerk of the Edinburgh Meeting.

4. The Clerk announced that each convenor of a committee in the Meeting will have a key to the meetinghouse. One other key will rotate among weekly cleaning volunteers. The Clerk has 2 keys, 1 for landing for special use. Keys to office and basement will be kept in the meetinghouse.

5. Steve Fletcher reported that the thermostats are not yet fully in order. The road and parking lot should be kept free of cars while being paved. This coming Sunday there will be a work session for planting shrubbery. Conveners of any evening meetings are responsible for cleaning up after their meetings. The Meetinghouse Committee would appreciate knowing about gifts of furnishings, to keep the meetinghouse within the architect's ideas. There is wiring for a phone, but as yet no meeting authorization.

6. Bob Agard will undertake to have a program calendar of coming meetings and other meeting events.

7. Copies of the proposed budget were distributed by mail several weeks ago. One is attached to these minutes, with corrections as stated by Robert Myers. Philip Woodbridge reported no action as yet by the Greenfield Preparative Meeting about making further funds available to the Monthly Meeting.

8. Barbara Gilbert submitted a report regarding mortgage and savings account procedures, as attached to these minutes, and it was approved as written. The interest on our loan is 5%.

9. The Clerk asked advice about numerous financial appeals received from other organizations. It was approved that such appeals be accumulated during each single year, and all be considered by the Finance Committee each year when setting up the new budget.

10. The statements of intention to contribute are adequate to cover the totals proposed in the budget, and will allow some accumulation for the first few years towards subsequent higher repayments of loan principals.

11. The budget was approved as proposed. It was further approved that the Finance Committee send an annual reminder to each family of the amount which they stated they intended to contribute.

12. It was approved that a new edition of the Monthly Meeting directory be made, the cost to come temporarily from the Administrative part of the budget and to be recovered by selling the copies at cost. The Quarterly Meeting has requested 25 copies of each Monthly Meeting's directory.

13. The Finance Committee was requested to devise a statement which would bring to the attention of new members and attenders the financial needs of the Meeting. A statement will be included in the Newsletter.

14. The Treasurer reported that bids for insurance are not yet all in. Our temporary insurance goes until 3 months after the building is accepted.

15. The foregoing minutes were corrected and then approved.

16. Helen Griffith and Philip Woodbridge reported for the temporary committee on Monthly Meeting name revision. A post-card survey was conducted and tabulated. A copy of this tabulation is attached. The committee recommended that the Meeting choose between 3 of the names on the postcard and 1 of the new ones suggested by people who returned the postcard, namely Mt. Toby, Mid-Valley, Middle Valley, and Leverett Hills. The Meeting approved that the official name be Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends. cc. to F.K.

17. Phyllis Alvord presented the revised proposal of the Religious Education Committee. Next Sunday, Meeting for Worship will be at 11:00 and First Day School at 11:20. A special report on a Pendle Hill Conference will be presented at 10:00. A postcard announcement has gone out. Last Sunday we had 40 children, aged 1 to 17, in 4 groups. More teachers are now needed! On Fellowship Sundays there will be no First Day School classes so that teachers may have a chance to attend Meeting for Worship. Parents then will have responsibility for their children above nursery age. P.A.

18. In alternative proposals, with Meeting for Worship at 10:00 or at 10:30, the revised plan has the same outline as that presented in the Religious Education Committee minute attached to the Monthly Meeting minutes of September 9, 1964. Numerous different possibilities were next discussed for time of starting of Meeting for Worship. It was clear that 10:00 was inconvenient for many persons. The Meeting approved starting the Meetings for Worship at 10:30, for a trial period beginning October 25th and ending in June 1965, and that children may attend for either the first 20 minutes or the entire time, and that at the close of Meeting for Worship discussion and interest groups meet for such period of time as is convenient. cc. P.A.

19. Discussion elucidated that entering of meeting by late-comers and leaving of meeting by children causes less noise in the new meetinghouse. It was left that for a trial period we would agree that such of our own members as are late will know that they are expected to wait before entering the Meeting for Worship until 20 minutes after the Meeting for Worship began, but that no sign be posted which might be thought discourteous to visitors. This will be announced in the Newsletter. cc. P.A.

20. In connection with discussion about the content of the religious education classes, the Religious Education Committee urged Friends concerned about this matter to attend the classes, their committee meetings (October 22nd and every 3rd Thursday* thereafter), and their autumn retreat. cc. to P. Alvord

21. The foregoing minutes were corrected and then approved.

22. Announcements:

a. The Clerk announced that a time change of Meeting for Worship will be sent to the newspapers by Laura Robinson.

b. Joseph Havens announced that Milton Mayer will speak on RELIGIOUS CONCERN AND SOCIAL ACTION In the Colonial Lounge, Student Union, University of Massachusetts, at 6:30 p.m., October 21st.

23. The meeting closed at 10:50 p.m. with a short period of silent worship. Maximum attendance during the meeting was 20.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Holmes

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk

(*i.e. 3rd Thurs. of each month. F.W.H.)

TABULATION OF POSTCARD SURVEY ABOUT MONTHLY MEETING NAME REVISION (since 10, Oct.14,1974)

Names that were on the postcard:	Number of voters choosing name as one of their 5 choices	Score (5=1st choice; 4=2nd choice, etc.	Number of voters objecting to this name*
Tri-County	1	1	7
Three County	2	5	4
Bull Hill	5	15	4
Western Hills	5	19	1
Cornfield	8	23	5
Leverett	12	30	2
Meadow	10	36	2
Circling Hills	13	41	3
Valley	15	54	2
Pioneer Valley	18	69	2
**Middle-Valley	19	73	-
**Mid-Valley	20	73	-
**Mt. Toby	30	122	-
Names that were added to the postcard by respondents:			
Middle Connecticut Valley	5	25	-
**Leverett Hills	2	?	-
Norwottock	6	29	-

*excluding those who objected to all names except the ones they chose.
**names the committee recommended the meeting choose among.

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Amherst - Great Barrington - Greenfield - Northampton

South Hadley, Massachusetts

Report of the Treasurer to Monthly Meeting for Business, October 14,1964.

We have about $5500 in our checking account
$ 500 in our savings account in the Greenfield Savings Bank

Balance in our Mortgage account in the Amherst Savings -	$14,250
Balance of payments to contractor -	$ 6,070
extra	8,180

It is recommended that we inform the Amherst Savings Bank Mortgage Dept, that we will not need the full $53,000 mortgage we originally asked for, and that we set the new figure at $44,000. This will require using about $800 from our chcking account, to finish paying the remainder of the expected bills from the contractor.

It is further recommended that we close our account with the Greenfield Savings Bank at the close of the next interest payment period, and open a Savings Account with the Amherst Savings Bank. It is proposed that we put about $2,000 from our checking accountinto this Savings account, as well as the $500 from the Greenfield Bank. As it is now we keep records of which funds are for which account, but do not keep them in separate accounts. We plan to use this Savings Account for Amortization payments, and will deposit all income for amortization in it.If possible we will make an arrangement with the bank to withdraw these payments automatically, requiring less postage etc. on our part.
We shall keep the remainder of the amount in the checking account in The First National Bank in Northampton, using this account for the Current Budget income and payments.

Members are requested to label donations for amortization or current expenses. We expect if this report is accepted to tell the Amherst savings Bank that we are ready to begin amortization payments in November on the basis of $44,000. These payments will be about $260 per month instead of the $316 per month we would have had to pay on $53,000.

Budget proposal by Finance Committee for year ending May 31, 1965, presented 9/'64.

	Actual past year	Budget past yr	Proposed Cur. Yr.
OPERATING BUDGET			
Meeting Activities			
Administrative and General	$ 37.34	$ 100	$ 100
Library (cumulative)	25.00*	25	25
First Day School (cumulative)	181.74*	150	200
Newsletter	132.53	200	200
Quarterly Meeting Hospitality	46.00	75	50
Scholarship Fund (cumulative)	50.00	50	50
Fellowship Luncheon Supplies	0	0	55
Contingency ← Student Outreach	0	75	75 ← 25
TOTALS	$ 472.61	675	~~755~~ 780
Meetinghouse Maintenance			
Insurance	0	0	500
Household and Cleaning Supplies	0	0	50
Janitorial Service (Volunteer Service)	0	0	0
Lawn Care (Volunteer labor plus rough clip of some parts 3 times/yr		0	45
Snow removal	0	0	150
Heat & Light	0	0	500
Equipment (Mops, brooms, etc.)	0	0	100
Floor waxing annually	0	0	100
TOTALS	$ 0	0	1,445
Transitional Meetinghouse responsibilities			
Grange Hall Rental	900	900	75
Sunset Avenue Property Taxes	132.53	125	0
TOTALS	$1,032.53	1,025	75
Regional Outreach			
Yearly Meeting Contribution	500.00	500	500
Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund	30.00	30	30
Quarterly Meeting Contribution	30.00	30	30
Woolman Hill	125.00	125	125
China Camp	50.00	50	50
Friends General Conf. Mtg. House Fund	0	0	15
TOTALS	$ 735.00	735	750
Widespread Outreach			
American Friends Service Committee	15.00	15	15
Friends Committee on National Legislation	15.00	15	15
Central Council for Conscientious Objectors	15.00	15	15
Frds World Committee and Fellowship Council	15.00	15	15
TOTALS	$ 60.00	60	60
OPERATING BUDGET TOTALS	$2,300.14	$2,495	~~$3,085~~ 3,110
BUILDING FUND BUDGET			
Bank Mortgage Amortization (principal and interest)			3,100

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Frds World Committee and Fellowship Council	15.00	15	15
TOTALS	$ 60.00	60	60
OPERATING BUDGET TOTALS	$2,300.14	$2,495	~~$3,085~~ 3,110

BUILDING FUND BUDGET		
Bank Mortgage Amortization (principal and interest)		3,100
Frds Gen Conf Mtg Hse Loan Fund Interest (Princ. pmts start 5-1-70)		160
Greenfield Friends Loan (Interest starts 1-1-69)		0
BUILDING FUND BUDGET TOTAL		$ ~~3,260~~ 3316
Basis for estimate of total amount needed from bank (face of mortgage):		
Due contractor for work yet to be completed		$ 14,055
Due contractor for work already completed (10% "retainage")		5,434
To be paid contractor for cabinets in kitchen		800
Estimated amount still due architect		500
		20,789
Fertilizer, lime, grass seed	155	
Survey of water line	150	
First Day School equipment	800	
Ten folding tables	315	
100 folding chairs	400	
Plastic roll for library	55	
Kitchen fan	100	
Percolator and other kitchen items	55	
Plants, bushes, trees, etc.	300	
Meetinghouse sign	150	
Storm windows	600	3,080
ANTICIPATED EXPENSE		23,869
Available in Building Fund Savings Account	6,400	
Reserve to be held for unanticipated expenses	2,000	
AVAILABLE TOWARD ANTICIPATED EXPENSE		4,400
ANTICIPATED EXPENSE TO BE ADDED TO MORTGAGE		~~19,469~~ 20,287
Already drawn against mortgage		23,711
AMOUNT OF TOTAL MORTGAGE		~~43,180~~ 44,000

On a 24-yr mortgage, the bank expects us to pay $ 5.97 per month per 1,000 of face of the mortgage. Using $ 43,180 as face, this gives about ~~$258~~ $ 262.66 per month, or about $ ~~3,096~~ 3,156 per year.

(*) Library, $ 10.11 added to savings; FDS Fund, $ 31.74 from savings; Scholarship Fund, $ 50.00 added to savings.

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS (FORMERLY MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS)

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 11, 1964, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS

1. The meeting opened at 7:55 p.m. with a period of silent worship and the reading of the sixth and seventh revised queries. Attendance then was about 13.

2. The minutes of the business meeting of October 14, 1964, were read.

3. Transfers of membership were received for Dorothy Lee March, from the Swarthmore Monthly Meeting, and Martha Brinton Mermier, from the Ann Arbor Monthly Meeting. These 2 new members were accepted into the meeting, and the customary letter of welcome will be sent to them. The Clerk will discuss with Martha Mermier the membership status of her children.

4. Russell Brooks pointed out that new members can no longer be classified as "Associate Members", and that the new Junior membership is somewhat different in details. The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel is requested to discuss and to advise the Monthly Meeting regarding what should be our policy towards our present Associate Members in the light of this revision.

5. Robert Agard reported for the Nominating Committee that it has been unable to secure a convener for the Outreach Committee until Georgana Foster returns from India. He also expressed concern that the people in the meeting are not willing to contribute their shares to the routine work of the meeting. When approached about the convenership of the Outreach Committee, Alison Kaufhold agreed to take care of the directory revision, Ethel Dubois agreed to take care of the pamphlet rack, and Leone Barron agreed to assume responsibility for newspaper publicity. The meeting requested that the other members of the Outreach Committee divide up the other duties. Peggy Holden offered to continue to greet people and care for the guest book. The Clerk will ask Teddy Marlar to write an article for the FRIENDS JOURNAL about the new meetinghouse.

6. The cost of a telephone in the meetinghouse will be higher because we are in an isolated area. A business phone would cost $16.90 per month. A private phone would be $9.10 per month; a 2-party line, $7.10 per month. The Clerk was authorized to negotiate for the installation of a phone at the lowest price available, but giving preference to a pay telephone, and using his discretion in the final decision, as guided by this meeting's discussion.

7. The Religious Education Committee recommended a fenced yard beside the nursery as soon as possible. The Meetinghouse Committee will bring an estimate to the next Monthly Meeting, after consulting the architect.

8. The Religious Education Committee announced that children cared for in the nursery must be limited to kindergarten age and under; and also that ~~Ellen~~ Agard has been replaced on that committee by ~~Anne~~ Ellen Agard.

9. The Religious Education Committee asked whether some space in the clothing-storage room might be available for First Day School storage. Francis Holmes asked whether the Clothing Committee might not leave work in the clothing-sorting room between sorting sessions, as originally planned. Discussion elucidated that both are possible, especially as construction is contemplated of a rolling cabinet for First Day School use.

10. The Clerk read portions of the minutes of recent Quarterly Meetings and of the most recent meeting of our Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, regarding the structure and function of the Quarterly Meeting. The Monthly Meeting agreed with our Meeting on Ministry and Counsel that the Quarterly Meeting is no longer needed for business but is indeed needed for fellowship, as well as for study and worship. A request is to be published in the Newsletter that Friends send their written comments on this subject to the Clerk for use in preparation of a report to the Quarterly Meeting.

11. The foregoing minutes were corrected and then approved.

12. For the Finance Committee, Robert Myers reported that the Greenfield Friends have offered to lend the Monthly Meeting an additional $17,000, as described in the attached statement. The meeting approved the Finance Committee's recommendation that it accept this money and that it authorize the reduction of time of our mortgage repayments from 24 to 12 years. We thus will be able, 12 years the sooner, to increase our contributions to other Friends' concerns above the present token amounts. cc sent to Barbara Gilbert

13. Barbara Gilbert was authorized to change the name of our bank accounts to "Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends". The Clerk will send her a copy of the relevant minutes. cc sent to Barbara Gilbert

14. For the Meetinghouse Committee, Steve Fletcher reported that the Meetinghouse has not yet been accepted because work is still in progress on several interior details. Thermostats are still being adjusted and hopefully will be finished by this Sunday. The rest of the driveway cannot be paved until next spring, and this work must be at our further expense. Permission has not yet been received to attach our paved drive to the state highway. The building has not been kept wholly locked nor have windows always been closed lately. To lock doors, put handles with the groove horizontally. There has been no one assigned to open and close the building for Meetings for Worship. It is suggested that the persons responsible for cleaning the building during the preceding week be responsible also for opening and closing the building at Meeting for Worship on a given Sunday. The last Fellowship lunch was not cleaned up until the following Saturday, there being no Hospitality Committee, and attenders not having shared this responsibility. Dora Honeycroft volunteered to organize the cleaning-up after the November Fellowship Lunch. Cans for garbage and paper trash will be separately labelled. cc sent to Steve Fletcher

15. The Program Committee asked whether the Meeting wished to plan a Thanksgiving Dinner, as last year, possibly at Woolman Hill. Friends who are interested should contact Frances Crowe. The Program Committee asked whether the Meeting wished to plan a square dance for the Christmas holiday, as last year. This was approved. It was pointed out that Ken Meister (of C.N.V.A.) is available for programs in this area. The Program Committee has asked to what extent it should go ahead to plan such events. Friends approved that the Program Committee go ahead and initiate what programs it may see fit. cc sent to Frances Crowe

16. It was announced that on Wednesday, December 16th, at 8:00 p.m., Douglas Steere of Haverford will give a free lecture at Chapin Auditorium at Mt. Holyoke College, on A QUAKER LOOKS AT THE ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE. cc sent to Frances Crowe

17. It was requested that we permit one of the 3 annual meetings of the National United Society of Friends Women, sponsored by the Friends General Conferences, to be held at our meetinghouse on a Saturday in March. They will bring their own lunch, but will need coffee. Friends approved that the meetinghouse be used by this group. cc sent to Frances Crowe

18. Helen Griffith is taking orders for products of Koinonia Farms.

19. The foregoing minutes were corrected and then approved.

20. The meeting closed at 11:15 p.m. with a short period of silent worship. Maximum attendance during the meeting was 17. Final attendance was 11.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Holmes

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Amherst - Great Barrington - Greenfield - Northampton

South Hadley, Massachusetts

October 27,1964

Dear Friend,

We were informed by Philip Woodbridge on this past First Day that the Greenfield Friends had agreed to lend the Mt. Toby Meeting an additional $17,000 on the same terms as the $4,000 already lent us, that is, no interest until 1969. It is indeed a generous offer!

This will mean that we can reduce our mortgage loan from the Amherst Savings Bank to $27,000. We have in our budget estimated payments of $262 per month for the amortization of the mortgage, based on a loan of $44,000. It is suggested that we change our mortgage plan to a shorter term when we reduce it to $27,000, keeping our payments close to the amount budgeted.

If we take an eleven year mortgage at 5%, payments would be $266.35 per month. If we take a twelve year mortgage at 5% the payments would be $249.73 per month.

The Amherst Savings Bank has also said it would welcome our savings account, and that it could easily arrange to withdraw the mortgage payments from the account automatically each month.

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE BUISNESS MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 1964, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASS.

1. The meeting opened at 7:55 p.m. with a period of silent worship and the reading of the eighth revised query. Attendance then was 8.

2. The minutes of the business meeting of November 11, 1964, were read.

3. The Clerk announced that the only phone now available is an 8-party line at $6.30 per month. He authorized them to go ahead and they tried to install it today. We can go on a waiting list for a pay phone, for a guarantee of 25¢ per day plus $4.00 per month. It was agreed to go on the waiting list. Meanwhile, for outside calls, a box will be left by the phone for cash payments. This phone will be listed in the classified section under "Churches...." but in the white pages under "Friends..." The Clerk was asked to investigate whether the number of the Clerk can be listed as an alternative. cc. to T. Robinson, R. Myers, B. Gilbert

4. The Clerk announced that Sue Fletcher will appreciate ideas for the article she is preparing on the new Meetinghouse, for the FRIENDS JOURNAL.

5. The Clerk solicited comments for his report on functions of Quarterly Meeting. Philip Woodbridge read a revised minute of our Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, to the effect that fellowship with the wider group is the most important need in the Quarterly Meeting and that business should be kept to a minimum. He pointed out that in recent years, aside from much routine business, the Quarterly Meeting has played a role in the struggles for civil rights and against capital punishment, and in helping settle such questions as recording of ministers and the financial relationships of Monthly Meetings with the Five Years Meeting and the Friends General Conference. cc. to P. W.

6. The Meeting decided to amend its earlier statement, to the effect that it feels the Quarterly Meeting is needed less for business than for fellowship, study, and worship, and that business should be subordinated to these other functions. The suggestions were made that more of the routine Quarterly Meeting business be relegated to an administrative committee and to Monthly Meetings. The Clerk read a tentative text of a letter to the Quarterly Meeting. The final text of this letter is attached to these minutes. cc. to T. Robinson P. Woodbridge F C

7. The report of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel was read, on the requests for membership from Bryce Ford and Bruce Hawkins. Both were warmly welcomed into membership, and Bruce Hawkins' two daughters, Judith Lisbie and Patricia Joan, were welcomed into Junior Membership. cc to F. Kaufhold, B. F-G, R. Turnbaugh

8. Steve Fletcher reported for the Meetinghouse Committee that an estimate on a 30-foot by 30-foot chain link fence, 4 feet high, with a gate, for the First Day School, is $188 without freight, if we install it ourselves. This type is approved by the architect, is more durable, requires less upkeep, and is cheaper than various wooden types. The meeting approved that money be used for a fence, but subject to the choice of the kind of fence by the Religious Education Committee in conjunction with the Meetinghouse Committee. cc. to S. Fletcher, R Myers, P. A R. Myers

9. Steve Fletcher reported that he is investigating types and costs for a vacuum cleaner. Helen Griffith offered to donate a new Electrolux vacuum cleaner to the meeting. The meeting accepted her gift with thanks.

10. The Religious Education Committee's teachers need a way to predict exactly

when the meeting for worship will end. Bells versus lights versus clocks were discussed. The need for a clock also by the entrance to the meeting room was mentioned. The kitchen needs both a clock and a timer. The meeting authorized the Meetinghouse Committee to acquire sufficient clocks for these needs, and to consult with Philip Woodbridge, who offered to donate one of his clocks. Concern was expressed by some that too great an emphasis should not be laid upon details of style of the more minor equipment used in the meetinghouse.

11. The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel recommended that Stephen F. Dirks be removed from our list of Associate Members, on his request. A letter of good wishes and membership data will be sent to him.

12. The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel recommended that, in accordance with the Yearly Meeting's new membership categories, all our present Associate Members under the age of 25 be listed instead as Junior Members, and that an explanatory letter be sent to all those over 25, asking whether they wish to make any change in their membership status. The meeting accepted this recommendation as read.

13. The Clerk asked for a volunteer as Convener for the Hospitality Committee, or an organizer for coffee-making and clean-up for the December fellowship luncheon. The Fords volunteered for December fellowship luncheon and Laura Robinson volunteered for January through May 1965, if the "Hospitality" Committee can be called the "Fellowship Luncheon" Committee. The meeting accepted both volunteers and set up a Fellowship Luncheon Committee with Laura Robinson as convener. She is encouraged to seek other members.

14. Barbara Gilbert presented the attached report of the Treasurer.

15. Robert Myers reported receiving 2 bids on $54,000 insurance for the meetinghouse, including vandalism and malicious mischief coverage, plus $100,000 liability and personal injury and property damage and $250 medical payments. The bids were nearly equivalent. The meeting approved that the Finance Committee decide which to accept. On request of the Finance Committee for guidance, the Meeting approved purchase of theft insurance and the payment of higher premiums for lower levels of deductability.

16. Barbara Gilbert requested that each contributor to the Meeting state how much is for the meetinghouse and how much is for current expenses. The meeting approved that the Treasurer use undesignated contributions in whichever budget they are most needed.

17. The foregoing minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

18. Bruce Hawkins expressed concern that the meeting consider establishing continuing contact with migrant farm workers. Joseph Havens proposed that the meeting establish a relationship with a church in the South. He also expressed concern that the Monthly Meeting for Business find more time to consider matters of spiritual and human needs. The next Monthly Meeting will discuss migrant workers and civil rights concerns early in the meeting. The Recording Clerk will bring to the next Monthly Meeting an analysis of the 1964 minutes regarding use of time in the Meeting for Business, and will make some suggestions.

19. Helen Griffith expressed concern that we should not have spent all our "Windfall" money (profit on sale of land) for our own meetinghouse expenses, but should give, as a thank-offering, a portion of this money, perhaps 10% = $1000, for the use of a Quakerly concern immediately, not 12 years later. For 1964-1965 we budgeted $810 (13%) for Outreach, $2300 (36%) for Meetinghouse and Meeting Operation, and $3316 (52%) for debt repayment and interest, total $6426. This concern will be further discussed early at the next Monthly Meeting.

20. Philip Woodbridge stated his concern that we express our thanks and appreciation to the Meetinghouse architects. The Clerk will write to them telling them of the Meeting's gratitude.

21. In behalf of Frances Crowe of the Program Committee, Robert Agard announced a New Year's eve square dance at 8:30 p.m., with pot-luck supper at 10:30 and worship at 11:30. The caller will cost $25.00, to be covered by money brought by those who attend.

22. The students of the four colleges have organized a conference in February on Civil Rights. Students asked the Meeting, via Robert Agard, whether we would be interested in helping financially. This will be announced in the Newsletter.

23. The foregoing minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

24. The meeting closed at 11:05 p.m., with a short period of silent worship. Maximum attendance during the meeting was 17. Final attendance was 17.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Holmes

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk

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MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Amherst - Great Barrington - Greenfield - Northampton

South Hadley, Massachusetts

December 9,1964

From the Treasurer to the Monthly Meeting for Business:

Original Mortgage from Amherst Savings Bank.....	$53, 000.00
Payments made to builder from it.....	$ 38,748.69
Balance.....	$ 14,251.31
Check from Greenfield Preparative Meeting.....	$ 17,000.00
Cash on hand.....	$ 31,251.31
Paid to Amherst Savings Bank.....	$26 ,000.00
Deposited in new account Amherst Savings Bank....	$ 5,251.31

Our Mortgage is reduced to.....	$ 27,000.00
Payments will be made automatically by the bank withdrawing on the 9th day of each month.....	$ 249.73

Representing 5% interest and amortization on a twelve year loan.

In our checking account yesterday.....		$ 5,947.93
We agreed 2 months ago to transfer to new savings account.....	$2,000.00	
Since June I have received.....	$ 725.00	
for amortization		
Transferred from checking account to savings....		$ 2,725.00
Closed account in Franklin Savings Inst.....		$ 519.32
Total in our new Savings account.....		$ 8,495.63
Remaining in our checking account.....		$ 3,222.93
Amount still to be paid the contractor..... approximately		$ 6,000.00

18 December 1964

Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends:

In carrying out the proposal arising in the August Quarterly Meeting for Business that monthly meetings consider the adequacy of the present quarterly meeting structure, our monthly meeting has discussed the role of Quarterly Meeting both in our Meeting on Ministry and Counsel and at two monthly meetings for business. We have also had in mind the discussion which took place at the October Quarterly Meeting following the report of Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel to the effect that social and spiritual matters should be the first concern of quarterly meetings. As a result of our discussion, the Monthly Meeting agreed that the Quarterly Meeting is less needed for transacting business than it was formerly, but it is indeed needed for fellowship as well as for study and worship. We recommend that the Quarterly Meeting explore ways of keeping business to a minimum or handling business by referring it to an administrative committee or ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~It back to the monthly meetings.

Sincerely,

Trevor Robinson, Clerk

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 1965, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASS.

1. The meeting opened at 8:00 p.m. with a period of silent worship and the reading of the 10th revised query. Attendance then was 10.

2. The minutes of the business meeting of December 9, 1964, were read.

3. The cost of the square dance caller was $20, not $25 (see Minute 21 in December).

4. The FRIENDS JOURNAL article on the Meetinghouse, by Sue Fletcher, is also being worked on by John Zahradnik and the architect. They all welcome suggestions.

5. The attached report of the Recording Clerk on "Analysis of minutes and suggestions about use of time in business meeting" was read. In discussion it was brought out that even though meeting for business is for world-related planning, we still do not use our time with best economy. The report was endorsed by the comment that many items of a financial nature, etc., are actually spiritual matters. It was suggested that proposals for business meeting might be posted several weeks ahead or be announced at the preceding business meeting. Bryce Ford will fix a place for posting such. It was the sense of the meeting that we do not want to use our business meeting in the narrow sense of details of action, but leave it open to larger consideration of concerns of members, and that it is desirable that items first be considered by smaller groups within or without committee structure, when possible, before being brought to Monthly Meeting.

6. Committees are encouraged to make all possible decisions about minor material matters themselves and to report their decisions to the Monthly Meeting, but to feel free to refer policy matters to the Monthly Meeting for its decision.

7. The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel recommends that the Monthly Meeting accept Ethel DuBois into membership. The meeting approved this and welcomed her with pleasure.

8. The preceding minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

9. Bruce Hawkins explained his concern that the meeting, and also individuals within the meeting, enter into a continuing relationship with nearby Puerto Rican migrant workers, such as by providing opportunity for repeated visits to our homes on Sundays. Recreational and other needs of the camps should first be ascertained and help therein then planned. There is an area chaplain, who might give us some illumination. Some of these workers return here in April. One of the needs felt by many Puerto Rican migrant workers is to learn English. Bruce Hawkins was asked to organize an ad hoc committee to investigate further what we may do to help migrant workers. He expressed his need to know who wishes to serve on this committee.

10. Joseph Havens explained his concern that our individual Friends Meetings set up relations with an individual white church in the South (cf. D.Jenks in FELLOWSHIP, and C.Bell in FRIENDS JOURNAL), the better for us to understand the problems of white southerners, for example in Batesville where Chris Williams now is. Possibly a reconciliation function might ultimately develop. An exchange of persons might eventually occur. Chris Williams can put us in touch with the Presbyterian minister there. All discussion showed this concern to be shared by many of those present. It was pointed out that we must do much quiet listening and learning if we are not to kill the relationship at the outset. There will be a need for much prayer here. There certainly is a need to express our love and interest to fellow Christians there, who are now so deeply involved in a great moral struggle. Joint study of Bible passages by our group and theirs was suggested. A personal contact is desirable in initiating any such relationship. Joseph Havens was asked to organize an ad hoc committee to study this subject and to recommend to the Monthly Meeting what should be their next steps. He expressed his need to know who wishes to serve on this committee.

11. Helen Griffith's concern regarding a "thank offering" for our new Meetinghouse will be discussed at the next Monthly Meeting when she is present.

12. Friends are asked by our [redacted] Meeting on Ministry and Counsel to occupy the center benches first in Meeting for Worship.

13. Families have suggested that Meeting for Worship be shorter than usual when children are present on Fellowship Luncheon Sundays. The Clerk was asked to "play it by ear."

14. The Clerk asked whether announcements should be made after meeting. Several persons have objected. Discussion revealed mixed feelings, both about announcements and about ideal use of the bulletin board. The Clerk will continue to try to judge what to announce verbally. Friends are requested to channel announcements through the Clerk. Briefness, both verbal and written, and larger writing on the bulletin-board announcements, were urged.

15. Myrtle Johnson was appointed the Monthly Meeting's representative to Quarterly Meeting on February 7th in Hartford. It was agreed that on Sundays when Quarterly Meeting is elsewhere we should not plan any special program here, which might compete with Quarterly Meeting. However, our weekly routine will continue here.

16. Inquiry was made by Teresina Havens over how to deal with the responsibility of the Meeting as a whole for sending any of our children to the Friends Boarding Schools.

17. The Clerk announced:
(a) the 8th annual conference at the United Nations on February 4-5, arranged by the Peace and Social Order Committee of the Friends General Conference, which desires that a representative be appointed.
(b) the A.F.S.C. United Nations Seminars, January 28-30.
(c) a meeting on Moral Responsibility in Cambridge, Mass., February 13.
(d) a conference on Christian Unity, sponsored by the Laymen's Association for Ecumenical Studies, January 18-25, in Amherst, at Chapin Hall on the Amherst College campus. Literature was distributed.

These 4 announcements will be posted.

18. Bryce Ford offered a painting to the Meeting if it will be put up with the understanding that if he feels it is not wanted, he will (in consultation with the Monthly Meeting) remove it; otherwise it will belong to the Meeting in perpetuity. He suggested it be put on the wall by the fireplace. It is 6 feet high and 4 feet wide. Appreciation of the offer was generally expressed by the Meeting. The Meetinghouse Committee is asked to make a recommendation at the next Monthly Meeting.

19. Barbara Gilbert reported that we took out insurance on the Meetinghouse with King and Cushman of Northamptom. Bob Agard is storing the policy at the University Library vault.

20. $40.00 was given for cleaning equipment or that kind of thing, by Mary Taylor. The Meeting approved the use of this fund to pay for cleaning in cases of sickness or other such emergencies.

21. Helen Griffith sent a message via Margaret Holden that Bill and Ann Scott will be here on January 23-24.

22. The preceding minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

23. The meeting closed at 10:50 p.m., with a short period of silent worship. Maximum attendance during the meeting was 14. Final attendance was 14.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis W. Holmes

Francis W. Holmes, Recording Clerk

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING - RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Analysis of Minutes and Suggestions About Use of Time in Business Meeting

January 13, 1965

Minute 18 of the Business Meeting of December 9, 1964, read in part:"....He also expressed concern that the Monthly Meeting for Business find more time to consider matters of spiritual and human needs.....The Recording Clerk will bring to the next Monthly Meeting an analysis of the 1964 Minutes regarding use of time in the Meeting for Business, and will make some suggestions."

The Recording Clerk retains only recent minutes. When he has assembled those for a 12-month period, he is directed to turn over the earlier 6-month's worth to the Recorder. The present analysis, therefore, covers the 12 Monthly Meetings for Business during calendar year 1964 (none in August, 2 in September). There were 207 Minutes or non-numbered paragraphs. Of these, 54 had to do with procedural matters (opening, reading minutes, approval of minutes in groups, closing, appointing representatives without instructions, approval of financial procedures, treasurer's reports). Of the remaining 153 substantive minutes, no clear relation to spiritual values or human needs appeared in 13 (7 on meeting name, 2 on history, 1 on insurance, 1 on storage of deed, and 2 on landscaping). The remaining 140 could be related in one way or another to spiritual values or human needs in the social-concern sense of the instruction in Minute 18 of 12-9-64. Of these, 46 had to do with providing a place for this group's regular worship of God and study of God's word; 10 had to do with membership in said group; 17 had to do with this group's relationships to other such groups (travelling minutes, Beacon Hill, Meeting School, Quarterly Meeting, Yearly Meeting, Springfield Meeting for Worship, Greenfield Meeting for Worship,etc.); 23 had to do with speakers and conferences, vigils, retreats, fellowship luncheons, etc., which usually dealt officially or informally with matters of spiritual values and human needs; 14 had to do with relative scheduling of Meeting for Worship, First Day School, and other activities of Religious Education; 13 had to do with the apportionment of money and assignment of committee duties for carrying out the functions of the group, and hearing their reports on their accomplishments, whihh usually related to spiritual values or human needs; and 7 had to do with performance of the jobs of the committees that the committees had failed to perform, i.e., the preparation as a committee-of-the-whole of details regarding conferences or projects or statements on matters of the spirit or social concern.(If this does not add up to 140, I may have overlooked a few in tabulating.)

After tabulating all the minutes of the past year, the Recording Clerk does have some reflections to present to the Meeting, as the Meeting anticipated.

First, it is evident that no tabulation of minutes shows anything about how much time was spent on a given subject, since 1 Minute may take 10 times as long a discussion as another. (For those interested, however, I can report that preparation of the tabulation and report took 5 hours.)

Second, it seems that we have 5 sorts of activities in the Meeting:

(1) we worship God in silence and study him and his word, his revelations and his wishes as we understand them. This is done at Meetings for Worship and First Day School and its associated activities. This is a function of the Religious Education Committee, the Meetinghouse Committee, and the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

(2) We associate with each other socially, as fellow human beings. This is done at Fellowship Lunches and also before and after all our other activities and (in part) during our other activities. This is a function of our Fellowship Lunch Committee, Outreach Committee, Newsletter Committee, Student Outreach Committee.

(3) We discuss spiritual values. Active discussion is precluded by the plan of our Meetings for Worship, so it takes places in study groups, retreats, and conferences. Some of these we plan ourselves (as the discussion of certain Queries at Woolman Hill last spring) and many of these are planned by others or center around visiting

speakers. The Program Committee arranges such events.

(4) We act to alleviate and meet human needs; this is done through projects involving peace vigils, interracial protests, selling of Kononia products, collection repair and shipping of clothing for the destitute, protesting the death penalty, etc. Planning such events is the function of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee and the Clothing and Relief Committee.

(5) We transact such worldly business as may be required for the carrying out of the preceding 4 functions. This involves Clerk, Recording Clerk, Treasurer, History and Records Committee, Finance Committee, Trustees, and the Meeting for Business.

All Committees are involved more or less in all 5 functions; the preceding comments merely indicated major responsibilities. The Library Committee is rather unusual in its more-or-less even level of relationship to all functions.

Third: Therefore, if there is feeling that our Monthly-Meeting-for-the-Worldly-Business-of-furthering-our-other-4-types-of-activities-relating-to-spiritual-concerns-and-human-needs has not spent enough time on spiritual values and human needs, then either: (a) the functions of our group relating to these subjects do not require the carrying out of very much worldly business, or (b) the appropriate committees have not brought to the business meeting enough proposals for activities along these lines that require the settling of business details, or (c) the complainants have re-defined "spiritual and human needs" to exclude the worship of God, the study of God's word, revelations, wishes, etc., the teaching of children about God, fellowship with group membership and with related groups interested in God, and relief activities, racial protests, death penalty protests, etc.

Fourth: The Recording Clerk suggests that numerous social and spiritual concerns are indeed boiling within our many members and attenders, and yet they hesitate to embroil the entire Monthly Meeting for Business in prolonged, detailed discussions of what can be done about the concerns, seeing that the meeting is already so busy each month. If these persons wish the Monthly Meeting to deal with a concern with the least increase in the length of time of its sessions, their attention is drawn to the possibility of adopting some scheme related to the following procedure:

(1) Decide on a particular social or spiritual concern which you wish to give priority for action.

(2) Think alone for a while, and then discuss this with a few other individuals in the meeting, and decide how a particular action could be taken to further this particular concern.

(3) Approach the Convener of the appropriate committee, usually the Program Committee or the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, and request that the Committee hold a meeting at which you will present your proposal.

(4) Attend said meeting, present the proposal for particular action on the chosen concern, make notes of all the suggestions the committee provides, and seek to have the committee adopt a plan for action, based on your concern and on its discussion.

(5) Arrange with the convener of that committee for yourself or him or her to present the proposed action in all its detail to the Monthly Meeting for endorsement and for the encouragement of wider participation. If possible duplicate a written statement to hand out at the meeting where this is discussed. Specify whether money is needed and how much and for what.

(6) Present said detailed, thought-out plan as a recommendation to the Monthly Meeting, seeking approval, endorsement, and cooperation. Offer to carry it out yourself as agent for the Monthly Meeting, with the help of others most concerned.

(7) With the Meeting's support, procede to carry out the concern yourself.

This procedure is sufficiently complicated, however, that some people in practice merely carry out their concerns without Meeting sponsorship and perhaps later notify the Meeting casually of their activities. Others come to the meeting and ask the meeting to do "something" about a given area of spiritual or social concern. The gist of this report, then, is that the Business Meeting's time can be better used if all matters brought to the Monthly Meeting carry with them specific recommendations for meeting action, the product of the thought of many individuals ahead of time.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Holmes

Francis Holmes
Recording Clerk

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 1965, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASS.

1. The meeting opened at 8:00 p.m. with a period of silent worship and the reading of the 12th revised query. Attendance then was 11.

2. The minutes of the business meeting of January 13, 1965, were read.

3. It was pointed out that minor, non-budgeted expenses can be cleared through the Finance Committee.

4. The church in the South with which we contemplate association is a White church (see January Minute 10). An insertion was made in that Minute.

5. For the Building Committee, John Zahradnik reported that payment of the final statement from the architect was approved by the Finance Committee. The architect will remain available for minor consultation.

6. The final statement of the contractor is at hand and is approved by the architect and the Finance Committee. The contractor will in any case remain responsible for any defects in material and workmanship until next September. A report will be submitted soon of all Meetinghouse costs.

7. The Building Committee recommends a contract to James Cooney for $1712.00, for storm windows. This was approved by the Finance Committee. Fuel savings in 4 to 6 years will repay this cost. This expenditure was approved.

8. For the Meetinghouse Committee, Steve Fletcher reported that the Meetinghouse Committee requests postponement of decision about paintings, since not all the committee was present. Bryce Ford offered instead to loan the picture to the Meeting for an indefinite time. Steve Fletcher read some excerpts from a report being prepared by the Meetinghouse Committee on the general subject of the place of any art in the Meetinghouse. Several pieces of art have already been offered to the Monthly Meeting. Advantages were pointed out of rotation of art on display, when space for hanging is limited and when opinions may vary. A minute by the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel about the painting was read. The Meeting accepted the loan for the coming month with thanks, and gave the Meetinghouse Committee the extra month it requested.

9. For the Meetinghouse Committee, Steve Fletcher asked that the question of establishment of a cemetery at the Meetinghouse be discussed at the next Monthly Meeting. The Meeting gave interim permission that, if there is a relevant, restrictive by-law in the Leverett Town Warrant, the Meetinghouse Committee may have a sketch of a burial lot drawn onto the plot plan now filed in the County Court House, to leave us free to have a burial ground or not, as may be decided in the future.

10. Helen Griffith restated her concern about the use of some of the money from sale of the Fearing Street lot (December Minute 19). Discussion revealed the feeling of many that the Meetinghouse is a tool now available for our use, and that our best thank-offering is to use it well. It was agreed also that we

should try to repay as soon as possible our loan from the Friends General Conference Meetinghouse Fund. The Finance Committee is requested to study this possibility and to advise, as soon as they are able, how we can hasten repayment of their loan.

11. Approval was given to Joseph Havens of the text of the proposed letter for eventual sending to an appropriate southern, White, Christian church, and of his soliciting the suggestions of Larry Scott and Chris Williams regarding choice of church and details of approach, and of the sending of the letter to such church as may be decided by the committee on this subject, based upon their recommendation.

12. Philip Woodbridge reported from Quarterly Meeting that the Yearly Meeting has asked consideration of reorganization of Quarterly Meetings along state boundaries. This will be considered next month. Also, the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel discussed meaning of membership, in which discussion there was more emphasis on feeling of belonging and on being seekers than on theological beliefs.

13. Robert Agard reported on plans for meetings on "Introduction to the Faith and Practice of Friends". The ones scheduled are:

February 24, led by Joseph and Teresina Havens,
March 3, led by David Leonard,
March 24, led by Margaret Holden,
April 7, led by Trevor Robinson, and
April 28, led by Bernard O'Shea.

About 20 attended last week.

14. John Zahradnik described his concern that the meeting, as a group, protest over the Viet-Nam situation, reminding President Johnson of his having gone on record as favoring peaceable means of settling international troubles. Joseph Havens reported that this meeting was well represented in a poster walk on this subject by Young Independents, in Amherst. He also said that it is hoped that Gilbert White, of the Service Committee, can go to Viet Nam in connection with his Meekong Delta proposal. John Zahradnik, Trevor Robinson, and Stephen Fletcher were asked to compose and send an appropriate telegram. [Later note: This telegram was composed and sent the same evening. A copy is attached to these Minutes.]

15. The Clerk read a letter from the Northern Educational Service in regard to a donation given towards the gift of a woodcut print to the Meeting. The question will be discussed at the next Monthly Meeting, after we have heard the report of the Meetinghouse Committee on art in general.

16. The foregoing minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

17. The meeting closed at about 10:30 p.m., with a short period of silent worship. Maximum attendance during the meeting was 13. Final attendance was 12.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Holmes

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk

(letterhead)

11 February 1965

sent also to
Springfield Union
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette
Hampshire Gazette
Holyoke Transcript

The Editor
Springfield Daily News
Springfield, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

The following is the text of a telegram sent by our Meeting last night to President Johnson:

It is our deep concern that you remember your commitment to the American people and to the world to seek peaceful means in the solution of international tensions. As a Meeting with a membership of more than 100 Quakers in the Connecticut Valley, we urge you not to extend the war in Vietnam but to seek the intervention of the U.N. and to support the development proposal of Gilbert White.

Sincerely,

Trevor Robinson, Clerk
(No. Amherst, Massachusetts)

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF MARCH 10, 1965, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASS.

1. The meeting opened at 7:54 p.m. with a period of silent worship and the reading of the 5th revised query. Attendance then was 7.

2. The minutes of the business meeting of February 10, 1965, were read.

3. The Clerk read minutes from the Meetinghouse Committee and the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel regarding the place of art in the meetinghouse. Copies of both are attached to these minutes, with corrections as adopted by the Monthly Meeting.

4. As a result of Minute 3, the Leonard Baskin print cannot be accepted (February minute 15). The Clerk will reply to Robert M. Hughes and send him an explanation of our policy on art and an expression of our appreciation for her plan to honor Helen Griffith ~~to him for~~ Kristi Olmanson. The program of the Northern Educational Service will be posted on the bulletin board.

5. The Yearly Meeting requests we appoint one or more overseers for the Peace Witness to be held April 16 in Boston. Margaret Holden was appointed and the Clerk may appoint others next Sunday.

6. Stephen Fletcher reported for the Meetinghouse Committee that insofar as zoning is concerned there is no pressing need for another year that we take a decision on a burial ground; nevertheless we should make a decision in the next few months. Many who are concerned in this matter being absent, the subject was left for another month.

7. The question of greater correlation between Quarterly Meeting boundaries and state lines was discussed at the Quarterly Meeting's request. Only very minor advantages, and very distinct disadvantages as regards transportation and established fellowship ties, were envisaged by the group. Further discussion will take place next month.

8. Since the last Quarterly Meeting conducted much business, our Clerk was asked to inquire of the Quarterly Meeting Clerk whether our minute on relative values of Quarterly Meeting activities has yet been read to the Quarterly Meeting.

9. Barbara Gilbert reported on the Yearly Meeting Religious Education Committee last Saturday. They need persons to help with children and Young Friends at Yearly Meeting this coming June 22-27 at Pembroke College. A notice will be posted.

10. The Clerk announced the National Friends Conference on Race Relations, Richmond, Indiana, June 18-21, 1965. All planning to attend should contact John Kellam, 19 Firglade Avenue, Providence 6, Rhode Island, by April 15. Financial and babysitting aid must come mostly from local meetings. We have $25 remaining in the 1964-5 Scholarship budget plus $50 from last year. If necessary, then, we can pay part of the expenses of our delegate. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee is asked to find a delegate from our meeting. The Finance Committee is asked to estimate what would be the approximate costs for such a delegate.

11. The ministers of churches of Amherst request a delegate at 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 12, 1965, to explore things they believe the Amherst Council of Churches should do. Russell Brooks expects to attend and asks who else can come from the meeting and what interests we wish to have him stress. Becky Holmes was appointed to attend, with Miriam Zahradnik as an alternate.

12. Representatives from our meeting will be on television this Sunday at 3:00, on the subject JOHN WOOLMAN. They are: Russell Brooks, Mary Taylor, and Bernard O'Shea.

13. Barbara Gilbert read a letter from Robert Hindmarsh of the Meeting School about encouraging more young Friends to attend ~~Friends' schools.~~ the Meeting School (cf. April minute 3) She was authorized by the Meeting to send them the names of our children of appropriate age. The Religious Education Committee is requested to schedule a discussion of Friends' schools and to invite the Meeting School to send a representative to speak about its school. The Meeting School announcement will be posted.

14. The Clerk announced:

(a) a talk on U.S.Foreign Policy in Southeast Asia, March 12 at 8:00 at Rindge Technical Auditorium, Cambridge, by Wayne Morse and Edward McCormack.

(b) a conference on The U.S. and China, March 13 at the New England Life Building, Boston, sponsored by A.F.S.C. and PAX.

(c) the United Friends Women's meeting at our Meetinghouse this Saturday. Our meeting is providing coffee, tea, milk, and doughnuts. The meeting authorized payment of the cost of these items.

15. Thomas Crowe announced for Frances Crowe (Program Committee) that Ken Meister will be here March 21 and will lead a discussion after the meeting on the Quebec to Guantanamo march.

16. Thomas Crowe suggested a discussion of different arrangements for cleaning the meetinghouse, possibly including the hiring of the work. Several spoke of the values to themselves and families in performing the service. It was suggested that families with few able-bodied persons be assisted, when their turns come, by single persons in the meeting. As presently scheduled, each volunteer family does it about $2\frac{1}{2}$ times per year. The Meetinghouse Committee is asked to find out how much the Page family, who inquired earlier about janitorial employment, will charge for janitorial service if anyone scheduled for clean-up service should wish to hire them.

17. Phyllis Agard announced that a young people's group (junior and senior high school age) has asked that it be announced that they are a distinct entity, and that they meet every second Friday evening at various homes for frugal meals and various programs. They have thus raised money for Mississippi aid, as have other families in the meeting.

18. Phyllis Agard announced the receipt of a letter from the Director of Religious Education of the Yearly Meeting, regarding whether meetings would like vacation church schools. They have 2 volunteer leaders who can come to the aid of various interested meetings. Next year they hope to expand to community-wide day camps. If we are interested, we can contact Jane Cook. Unfortunately, our meeting largely disperses each summer.

19. Phyllis Agard announced that a group of adults is meeting, starting yesterday, at the First Congregational Church, to discuss problems relating to teen-agers. The next meeting is this coming Monday evening at 7:30.

20. The foregoing minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

21. The meeting closed at 10:05 p.m., with a short period of silent worship. Maximum attendance during the meeting was 11. Final attendance was 11.

Respectfully submitted, Francis Holmes

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk

Minute from Meetinghouse Committee to Monthly Meeting

After extensive consultation with various members of the meeting and deliberation within the committee, in the spirit of understanding and love, fully aware of the deep significance of this pending decision to the meeting, the Meetinghouse committee recommends the following policy be adopted by the Monthly Meeting:

1. The meeting recognizes the spiritual values of art and the benefits it is possible to derive from works of art.

2. The meeting encourages its members to share their creativity with the meeting as a whole by means of the following arrangement;

A. That artistic creations which are believed by their creators to have a spiritual message which they would like to share with others, be shown in the fellowship room for approximately a month at a time each year, the time to be at the discretion of the artist in consultation with the [illegible] committee.

B. That the meeting not take final possesion of any art objects as this would create storage and upkeep problems possibily beyond our resources in space, time and finance.

Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, February 15, 1965

Meeting on Ministry and Counsel was held at 8:00 P. M. on February 15, 1965 at the Mt. Toby Meeting House. Present were Helen Griffith, Philip Woodbridge, Margaret Holden, Phyllis Agard and Miriam Zahradnik.

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship followed by the reading of the "First Query for Ministry and Counsel."

A draft of the Minute from the Meeting House Committee, concerning art in the meeting, was read and discussed. The following minute was sent to the Meeting House Committee:

> "The proposal of the Meeting House Committee concerning the acceptance of works of art was discussed. The principle of receiving works of art on loan in rotation rather than assuming ownership of them, was welcomed. It was felt that the length of time of the loan should be left somewhat flexible, and the phrase 'spiritual value,' if used, could well be broadly interpreted."

We discussed the feeling of Louise Marrow that the Meeting House was an extravagance. It was decided to try to create better understanding by inviting Louise Marrow to worship with us of a Sunday morning and share in the life of the meeting in the new Meeting House.

Helen Griffith read from an article in the London Friend, which was written by John and Pleasance Holten on "Membership," November 20, 1964. We discussed the basis of membership in the Society of Friends.

Miriam J. Zahradnik

Recording Clerk

Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, February 15, 1965

24 Berkshire Terrace
Amherst, Mass. 01002
7-3-65

Dear Fritz Kaufhold,

Here are the data gathered so far on attendance at meetings for worship:

1964
November
22 = 74
29 = 59
December
6 = 58
13 = --
20 = --
27 = --
1965
January
3 = 53
10 = 65
17 = 62
24 = 70
31 = 42
February
7 = -- + 13(QM)
14 = 63
21 = 92
28 = --
March
7 = 72

The average of the 11 days counted is 64½.

Sincerely,

Francis W. Holmes

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF APRIL 14, 1965, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASS.

1. The meeting opened at 7:55 p.m. with a period of silent worship and the reading of the 9th revised query, on children. Attendance then was 6.

2. The minutes of the business meeting of March 10, 1965, were read.

3. It was pointed out that Robert Hindmarsh's letter was about the Meeting School in particular, not Friends' schools in general. March Minute 13 was altered thus.

4. The Bancroft family (Robert Lundy, Marion Page, and their children, Margery Ellen, Kate Meredith, Timothy Bronk and Robert Lundy, Jr.) were welcomed into meeting membership. They have transferred from the Granville, Ohio, Monthly Meeting.

5. Steve Fletcher reported that the Page family has moved and is no longer interested in janitorial employment in the Meetinghouse (March Minute 16).

6. Joseph Havens commented upon the discussion after last Meeting for Worship, about the ethical implications of property re-evaluation in Amherst. He felt that part of the difference between our purchase and selling prices of the Fearing Street lots should be used to benefit those persons injured by the high prices of property in Amherst. For example, money could be used to survey more thoroughly the effects of Amherst's rising land values upon low-income families. Modern Community Developers could be invited to study the Amherst area's problems. Or such money could be invested in interracial housing, where capital is much needed. Others felt that, while these ideas are in any case desirable, nevertheless the money thus gained had already been used 100% for the appropriately good cause for which the original purchase money had been designated by its donors, namely making possible our house of worship. The Treasurer reported that we should have to re-borrow the money if we are to use it in the near future, since we are presently repaying our debts as fast as our income permits. There was general approval that the housing and economic problems pointed out were indeed worthy causes. Joseph Havens and Bruce Hawkins agreed to undertake the responsibility for getting speakers and leading discussions on this subject after Meetings for Worship.

7. The foregoing minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

8. Frances Crowe reported that the A.F.S.C. has asked to hold a meeting at our Meetinghouse, to tell all interested people about what the A.F.S.C. is doing now. They will provide 6 speakers on A.F.S.C. projects. The plan is for a $1.00 "skimp-supper" meeting at 5:30 on May 6, the excess money to go to the Service Committee. Professor William Havard, Head of the University of Massachusetts' Department of Government, will speak on the A.F.S.C.'s human relations project in the south. The program will end by 9:00 p.m. Very well-worked-out, detailed plans were outlined by Frances Crowe. The A.F.S.C. will invite 400 persons and give us invitations to send out. The meeting approved the use of the building and the payment of postage to send invitations to our own mailing list.

9. John Zahradnik reported on progress of the roadside sign identifying the meetinghouse.

10. The Clerk read the minute of the Executive Council of the New England Yearly Meeting about Quarterly Meeting borders, and 2 letters from Louis Marsteller about it. Under the proposed plan, we would be in the Western Massachusetts Quarterly Meeting, presumably with only the Worcester meetings. The Meeting re-endorsed its statement in March Minute 7. It was suggested that state legislation could as well be affected by statements from the Monthly Meetings in the given state without revising our Quarterly Meeting borders. It was even suggested that we protest that in the new plan we would be isolated from a strongly established spiritual fellowship present in the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting. The Meeting did not wish, however, to stand in the way of rearrangements of other Quarterly Meetings, such as a merger in Maine, if their members desire it.

11. Francis and Becky Holmes said they hoped they could arrange to go to the Friends Conference on Racial Matters ~~July~~ June 18-21. The Finance Committee reported on estimated costs and said also that we could afford to pay some of their costs.

12. A group of Young Friends sent a message, asking whether the Meeting will contribute towards the cost of travel to participate in a Washington, D.C., demonstration for peace on April 17th. The bus costs about $13, food about $5. The Meeting approved $10 towards the expenses of each of no more than 5 Young Friends. They are asked to give a report to the Meeting afterwards. (A copy of the announcement of this demonstration is attached to these minutes.)

13. The Meeting directed the Clerk to communicate to the young people's group the Monthly Meeting's appreciation and pleasure at the challenge of their message (March Minute 17), and its approval of their organizing and meeting together, and its readiness to cooperate in Friendly concerns.

14. The announcement of the May 2 Quarterly Meeting was distributed (a copy is attached to these minutes). Any attenders from our meeting were authorized to represent us there.

15. The Clerk read from a statement from the Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund, which gives financial assistance for attendance at Junior Yearly Meeting. Information forms were distributed (a copy is attached to these minutes). The Clerk has application forms.

16. The foregoing minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

17. Birrell Walsh, of Amherst College, described the program of the Student Christian Movement of Brazil, and the response to its appeal of the Student Christian Movement of New England, which is active on 60 [redacted] campuses. Since the Brazilian group's funds have been cut off by the Brazilian churches, the New England group raised $2000 last year and seeks to raise $3000 this year, towards which they now have $2200. Birrell Walsh seeks contributions from people of this Meeting. An explanatory sheet was distributed to individuals (a copy is attached to these minutes). A copy will be placed with other appeals to be considered by the Finance Committee in preparation of the next budget. The Religious Education Committee will organize a discussion on the Brazilian Student Christian Movement.

18. John Zahradnik read a proposed letter from the Monthly Meeting to

President Johnson regarding the war in Viet Nam. The Meeting approved sending the letter to President Johnson and copies to various legislators and newspapers. [Later note: The letter was mailed the following day/ A copy of the text is attached to these minutes, together with a list of addressees.]

19. Bruce Hawkins urged the new importance of letters to (a) the President, (b) Senator Mansfield, the Majority Leader in the Senate, and (c) the Appropriations Committee Chairmen in the Senate and House.

20. Barbara Gilbert reported that Joel Hayden and another staff member of the Meeting School will be at the Fellowship Luncheon on May 23 to talk with our young people and their families.

21. The Clerk announced the National Conference on the U. S. and China, April 28-30. The announcement will be posted.

22. The foregoing minutes were read and approved.

23. The meeting closed shortly after 11:00 p.m., with a short period of silent worship. Maximum attendance during the meeting was 14. Final attendance was 10.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Holmes

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk

If 100,000 People March on WASHINGTON April 17
we predict cease fire negotiations within a week

Why you should go to Washington

The key to change of American policy in Vietnam is held by the President of the United States - who responds to political pressure. In this crisis, the most direct way to apply political pressure is to come to Washington to make the demonstration as massive as possible.

The outcome of recent marches in Alabama clearly indicates that the President recognizes such signals - if enough people participate. Individuals must show that they mean business by their willingness to inconvenience themselves.

Do you believe the President has been convinced by exponents of present Vietnam policy? Then prove to this supremely political person that there is a national revulsion against it by joining thousands in the march on Washington.

Do you believe that President Johnson would like to soften U.S.Vietnam policy? Then make it politically possible for him to do so by demonstrating in the very shadow of the White House.

Do you want the President's undivided attention for your views on Vietnam? Then swell the ranks of the marchers to 100,000 strong.

Do you believe U.S.Senators should resume their constitutional responsibilities? Then speak the language they understand best - political language - by translating for them the anguished warnings of millions of Americans.

U.S. Continuation of the WAR

Helps to prolong the slaughter of innocent civilians

Brands the U.S.as an intervenor in a civil war

Threatens a massive land war with China

Flaunts established international law

Weakens the U.N. and violates its charter

Removes hope for a stable political solution in Southeast Asia

Disregards the needs of the Vietnamese for social and economic development

Violates the U.S. commitment to national self-determination

Endangers the U.S.-Soviet detente

Encourages renewal of the Sino-Soviet alliance

If you care - March!

Roundtrip bus fare is $14. To reserve a place, call the Mass.PAX office at 491-0650. If you can't go, please make a contribution to send one or more students.Contributions can be made by check payable to Students for a Democratic Society and mailed to the PAX office at 44 Brattle St.,Cambridge. Checks must be received by Wed.,April 14. Buses leave from the intersection of Mt.Auburn and Linden Sts.(near Harvard Square) at 9:30PM Fri., April 16. Bring breakfast with you. Return to Cambridge will be around 2AM Sun. morning.

The March will include picketing at the White House, a march down the Mall to the Capitol Building to present a statement to Congress, and a Rally. Speakers will include Senator Ernest Gruening of Alaska, journalist I.F.Stone, Bob Moses of SNCC and others. The statement to Congress emphasizes the necessity for ending the war, describes four ways for doing so, and relates unmet social needs at home to the prolonged agony of the Vietnamese people.

ANNOUNCEMENT

CONNECTICUT VALLEY QUARTERLY MEETING OF FRIENDS at NEW HAVEN, CONN.

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 1965

At Connecticut Hall, Yale Campus

9:45 A.M. Meeting for Worship

11:00 1) Meeting on Ministry and Counsel

2) Religious Symbols at Work, an illustrated talk, with music, by Beatrice Goff and Harold Anderson

At International Student Center, 211 Park Street

12:30 P.M. Lunch Adults $1.00 Children $ .25

1:30 1) Meeting for Business

2) Scottish Folk Dancing, led by Sue and Peter Day

Please send lunch reservation(s) to Bettie Chu
805 Tuttle Ave.
Mt. Carmel, Conn. 06518

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Lunch reservation(s)

Please reserve lunch for_____adults _____children

Signed _____

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING
Children through Grade 9

FOR ALL JUNIORS (and their parents)
Dear Friends:

How busy everyone is during these spring months and how time does fly! Be careful that June 22 doesn't creep up on you before you realize it, and find you unprepared for Junior Yearly Meeting. Do start planning now. We want to see a good representation of Juniors from each of our local Meetings at Pembroke College in Providence, Rhode Island for our five-day session.

COST The cost of Yearly Meeting, per person, will be $25.00 for those age 10 and under and $32.50 for those over 10. The Equalization Fund will assist any Junior who applies to his Clerk and is approved by the Monthly Meeting. Those who qualify for assistance from the Fund will receive up to $15.00 aid for full time attendance, age 10 and under, and up to $19.50 aid for full time attendance, age 11 and over. Each applicant will receive a card from the Clerk of his Meeting stating that he is eligible for assistance. All Juniors not presenting this card to the Registrar will be charged the full cost.

WHO CAN ATTEND All Juniors below Grade 4 should be accompanied by their parents or close relatives, and housed with them. Those entering Grades 4 through 9 in the fall must have a parent present or a counselor appointed by the Monthly Meeting. There will be a time immediately after breakfast when all Juniors are to meet with their parents or counselors to talk over activities, interests and personal problems. There will be a nursery each morning for those under 4.

This year our Junior Yearly Meeting theme will be "Becoming a Better Quaker" - more stress on the spiritual in our materialistic age. We are planning direct contact with more "weighty" Friends than ever this year. Several of them will speak to us during the week on "Highlights of my Life as a Quaker." During the weekday afternoons there will be crafts (projects for the American Friends Service Committee), art, chorus, orchestra, swimming and games. Be sure to bring:

Bible Music Musical instrument Play and dress clothing
Notebook and pencil Games that can be played indoors on rainy days

Be sure to send your reservation by June 1, and we'll all get together on June 22 to learn about "Becoming a Better Quaker."

Sincerely yours,

Helen Wyman
For the Christian Education Committee

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Send by June 1 to Carol Kellam, 19 Firglade Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906.

Please make reservation for:

Name _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Address _____ School grade next fall _____

Please check for board and room:

	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Breakfast						
Lunch						
Dinner						
Room						

Parent or adult counselor at Yearly Meeting _____

copy for Monthly Meeting minutes

MIDDLE CONNECTICUT VALLEY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Amherst - Great Barrington - Greenfield - Northampton

South Hadley, Massachusetts

April 15, 1965

President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Johnson,

The aspects of your recent speech at Johns Hopkins University concerning a development program for southeast Asia have been well received by those of us concerned with peaceful solutions to international tension. In this respect you have spoken to our condition.

In other aspects of your speech, particularly your placement of importance on the use of military pressure, you have spoken to the condition of others in our Nation and therefore your speech appears to be a reflection of what you see in America.

However, we wish, in good faith with you and without any desire whatsoever to break fellowship with you or with our fellow Americans, to call to your attention that leadership requires more than a reflection of the desires of those who follow. To provide this leadership, it appears to us that both you and all of us must deal with "the world as it is today" and today there is that of God in every man, whether he be American or Viet Cong.

Therefore, we urge that (in addition to the Biblical phrase which you quoted in your recent speech) you reflect on: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" and on: "Thou shalt not kill."

Sincerely,

Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends
Trevor Robinson, Clerk

JR:fh

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For your information I am enclosing a copy of a letter which was sent to President Johnson from our Meeting for Business of April 14.

Sincerely,
Trevor Robinson, Clerk
(North Amherst, Mass.)

Newspapers:

Holyoke Daily Transcript
Springfield Union
Springfield Daily News
Hampshire Gazette
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette
Amherst Record

Senators:

Saltonstall
Kennedy

Representatives

Conte
Boland

BRAZIL

The Brazilian Student Christian Movement is a group whose members decided that their place was within the movement for social reform in their country. They based their decision on the conviction that God is in history, working for the humanization of human lives, and that it is in history and change that they should be witnesses to him.

The result of their conviction was an immediate end to all financial support from the Brazilian churches. In many cases the students have been refused Communion in these churches. After the April, 1964, revolution by the Brazilian military, the movement has had to turn all its efforts to simply surviving.

In the Spring of 1963, the Brazilian movement appealed to the New England Student Christian Movement for help. The NESCM agreed, and a covenant relationship was established providing for student exchanges, financial help, and a profound attempt to understand what is happening in the "Colossus of the South."

Both movements are grateful for the opportunity that the covenant has provided. In 1963-64, the New England movement raised $3000 for Brazil, and in this school year, so far, $1800 more. A North American exchange student is in Brazil now, and we are arranging for a Brazilian to come here. But more than anything else, we in New England value the relationship because it lets us join a "freedom movement" as vital to the future of Brazil as our own is to our nation's future.

We are appealing to adult groups to help us raise the money to continue our support. We are relying mostly on our own efforts - Dartmouth students, for instance, are raising $500 dollars this year - but as final papers and examinations close in on us we need outside help.

How the money is spent: One third of our contributions this year will go for the Brazilian movement's operating expenses. These include salaries for the full-time staff, office and printing expenses, and travel allowances to allow staff-members to gather once or twice a year to plan for the future. The money also allows the students to come together for a conference, but only rarely, for the universities are scattered along a coastal strip two thousand miles long, and the only practical transportation is by air.

Two thirds of our contributions go to allow a Brazilian student to study in the United States and to help support the New England student who has gone to help in Brazil.

For further information in Massachusetts Contact:
Birrell Walsh
NESCM Commission on Brazil
219 Valentine
Amherst College
Amherst, Massachusetts

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF MAY 12, 1965, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS

1. The meeting opened at 7:55 p.m. with a period of silent worship and the reading of the 4th revised query. Attendance then was 9.

2. The minutes of the business meeting of April 14, 1965, were read.

3. The Clerk read Quarterly Meeting minute 4, of May 2, 1965, regarding realignment of Quarterly Meetings along state boundaries. Hartford Monthly Meeting felt as we did and the other Monthly Meetings did not report. Philip Woodbridge summarized the other Quarterly Meeting minutes. The next meeting of the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel will be Saturday, October 2, 1965. The next Quarterly Meeting will be Sunday, October 3, 1965. Our meeting will offer hospitality to any who wish to stay over that night.

4. Robert Agard gave his report on the 6 recent sessions about Faith and Practice. The discussions helped both newcomers and those long acquainted with Quaker affairs. Some felt that some of the discussions tended to concentrate on particular points rather than to be comprehensive. Attendance varied in numbers and but few individuals attended all 6 sessions. The programs were considered worth while in general. A continuation of adult discussion meetings on some basis or other was urged. The Program Committee was asked to explore the possibility of a similar series next year. The Recording Clerk was directed to send this minute to the Convener of the Program Committee.

5. Meeting on Ministry and Counsel sent a minute suggesting that we re-evaluate our procedure for entry into the Meeting for Worship by late-comers (October 1964 minute 19). A minute of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel regarding the starting of worship promptly on arrival was brought to the meeting's attention. Any business or any conversation at all that is carried on immediately before the meeting for worship may disturb the mental preparation of certain Friends for their worship and therefore should be postponed until after the meeting for worship. It was urged that a definitive clock be prominently displayed so that Friends may be aware of the imminence of the start of meeting for worship. The meeting agreed to continue the present arrangement, as in October 1964 minute 19, and to reiterate it in the Newsletter.

6. The Clerk asked that any gaps in the Committee structure be filled by the Nominating Committee, including the Convener of the Fellowship Luncheon Committee. Members who know of needs in our Committee structure should tell the Nominating Committee, whose Convener is Robert Agard. John Zahradnik suggested we re-examine our Committee structure, so that committee membership be more than nominal. He also suggested that each committee meet at least quarterly, even if there has been no business sent to the Committee, to see whether there be business it should itself initiate. It was the sense of the meeting that committees be free and encouraged to initiate programs appropriate to their subject matters, and that the membership of each committee should be chosen only from those persons who are actively interested in the concerns of the committee.

7. Phyllis Agard proposed that the First Day School and the Nursery be the subjects of separate committees. The Religious Education Committee was asked to consider and to submit to the Nominating Committee its decision regarding any reorganization.

8. Mary Taylor announced that she and George Taylor will be living in Delaware for the year 1965-1966.

9. The preceding minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

10. The Clerk read a request from Beth and John Kaltner of 82 Montague Road, North Amherst, for a decision by June 1st on whether we will rent to them our Meetinghouse for a nursery school they wish to operate daily throughout the week, for $100 per month. The Meetinghouse Committee reported that the Meetinghouse would have to be heated every day and that this would cost very much, but without certainty about how much. Objections raised included the profit-making aspect, the cost of wear and tear on the building, the protests of neighbors, the possible strain on the water supply, the tax liability, the costs of snow plowing, and the lack of relation to Quaker social concerns. After a long discussion about the philosophy behind nursery schools and kindergartens, the meeting decided that without any prejudice to any further use of our facilities, the meeting cannot approve the use of the building as proposed by the Kaltners because of insufficient time to study all of the problems involved.

11. Ethel Dubois proposed that the Meetinghouse be used as dormitory for an A.F.S.C. weekend work camp next fall. Meetinghouse Committee members will consult with the work camp leaders. The Meeting approved of this use of the Meetinghouse.

12. Robert Myers read the (attached) report of the Finance Committee and proposed [operating] budget for 1965-1966, totaling $3,345. The Finance Committee requested reactions and suggestions for its final budget proposal, to be submitted to the Monthly Meeting next month. We are roughly $1000 short of meeting our 1964-1965 [operating] budget [$3,085], but certain promised donations are yet to be received.

13. The preceding minutes were read, corrected, and then approved. [Words in square brackets added later. F.W.H.]
t + approved June 9, 1965

14. The meeting closed approximately 11:15 p.m., with a short period of silent worship. Maximum attendance during the meeting was 13. Final attendance was 13.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Holmes

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE For report at Monthly Meeting May 12, 1965

Tentative budget totalling $3,345 is proposed for discussion; revision may be indicated when final operating expenses for current year are available.

Committee recommends as prudent postponing all Outreach payments until we are sure we will have the money to go through the summer. (These are due this month). Operating income contributions during the current year total only $ 2085.27 against current budget of $ 3,085.

Amortization contributions to date in the current year, exclusive of $ 675 prepaid for future years, total $ 2926.55 against amortization budget of $3,260.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

General budget	$2085.27
Amortization (67 gifts in for future years)	3601.55 - 2936
Bequests & misc.	354.27
	$6041.09

(one of the amortization gifts includedyearly gifts of $225 up thru '69)

EXPENSES:

Administration -	118.76 $ ~~173.61~~	($50.10 for 1000 newsletter envelopes)
Newsletter	~~166.75~~ 247.35	
First Day School	149.11	
Outreach (contributed by John Foster to FCNL in the name of the Meeting)	100.00	
Gen'l Sundry (includes 75. for rent & 20.77 tax on old property) 45 for scholarship - 25 from last year)	227.58	
Meeting House - Running Acc't (includesinsurance -452. telephone 4 mos - 37.39) cleaning equipment, snowplowing etc	771.92	
Heat & light (thru April 21)	548.78	

Meeting House Capital Acc'ts

Equipment & Furniture	3104.02
Construction (includes storm windows -still to pay 212)	9332.52
Architect	1448.60
Grounds	364.09
Sundry	74.49

Interest before amortization	740.82
Interest & amortization <u>each month</u> since Jan.	249.73
Interest to Friends' Gen'l Conf. May 3	160.00

General budget	$2085.27
Amortization	3601.55
Expenses & misc.	
	$6041.09

Administration -	$ 475.65 ($50.10 for 1000 newsletter envelopes)
Newsletter	165.75
First Day School	149.11
Interest (contributed by John Boston to FCNL in the name of the Meeting)	100.00
Gen'l Expenses (including 75¢ for rent & 20.77 tax on old property) 45 for scholarship - 25 from last year)	
Meeting House - Running Acc't	771.92
(including insurance -452. telephone 4 mos - 37.39)	
cleaning equipment, snowplowing etc	
West 3 light (thru April 21)	546.78
Meeting House Capital Acc'ts	
Equipment & Furniture	3204.02
(including storm windows -still to pay 212)	
Accounting	1448.60
	74.49
Interest to Friends' Gen'l Conf. May 3	160.00

Budget proposal by Finance Committee for year ending May 31, 1965, presented 9/'64..

	Actual past year	Budget past yr	Proposed Cur. Yr.	PROP 65-66
OPERATING BUDGET				
Meeting Activities				
Administrative and General (Incl.Telephone)	$ 37.34	$ 100	$ 100	225
Library (cumulative)	25.00*	25	25	25
First Day School (cumulative)	181.74*	150	200	200
Newsletter	132.53	200	200	250
Quarterly Meeting Hospitality	46.00	75	50	50
Scholarship Fund (cumulative)	50.00	50	50	50
Fellowship Luncheon Supplies	0	0	55	55
Contingency	0	75	75	75
TOTALS	$ 472.61	675	755	930
Meetinghouse Maintenance				
Insurance	0	0	500	460
Household and Cleaning Supplies	0	0	50	50
Janitorial Service (Volunteer Service) (Emergency service)	0	0	0	50
Lawn Care (Volunteer labor plus rough clip of some parts 3 times/yr		0	45	45
Snow removal	0	0	150	150
Heat & Light	0	0	500	750
Equipment (Mops, brooms, etc.)	0	0	100	~~xx~~
Floor waxing annually	0	0	100	100
TOTALS	$ 0	0	1,445	1605
Transitional Meetinghouse responsibilities				
Grange Hall Rental	900	900	75	xx
Sunset Avenue Property Taxes	132.53	125	0	xx
TOTALS	$1,032.53	1,025	75	xxx
Regional Outreach				
Yearly Meeting Contribution	500.00	500	500	500
Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund	30.00	30	30	30
Quarterly Meeting Contribution	30.00	30	30	30
Woolman Hill	125.00	125	125	125
China Camp	50.00	50	50	50
Friends General Conf. Mtg. House Fund	0	0	15	15
TOTALS	$ 735.00	735	750	750
Widespread Outreach				
American Friends Service Committee	15.00	15	15	15
Friends Committee on National Legislation	15.00	15	15	15
Central Council for Conscientious Objectors	15.00	15	15	15
Frds World Committee and Fellowship Council	15.00	15	15	15
TOTALS	$ 60.00	60	60	60
OPERATING BUDGET TOTALS	$2,300.14	$2,495	$3,085	$ 3345
BUILDING FUND BUDGET				
Bank Mortgage Amortization (principal and interest)			3,100	3,000
Frds Gen Conf Mtg Hse Loan Fund Interest (Princ. pmts start 5-1-70)			160	160
Greenfield Friends Loan (Interest starts 1-1-69)			0	
BUILDING FUND BUDGET TOTAL			$ 3,260	$ 3,160
Basis for estimate of total amount needed from bank (face of mortgage):				
Due contractor for work yet to be completed			$ 14,055	
Due contractor for work already completed (10% "retainage")			5,434	
To be paid contractor for cabinets in kitchen			800	
Estimated amount still due architect			500	
			20,789	
Fertilizer, lime, grass seed	155			
Survey of water line	150			
First Day School equipment	800			
Ten folding tables	315			
100 folding chairs	400			
Plastic roll for library	55			
Kitchen fan	100			
Percolator and other kitchen items	55			
Plants, bushes, trees, etc.	300			
Meetinghouse sign	150			
Storm windows	600		3,080	
ANTICIPATED EXPENSE			23,869	
Available in Building Fund Savings Account	6,400			
Reserve to be held for unanticipated expenses	2,000			
AVAILABLE TOWARD ANTICIPATED EXPENSE			4,400	
ANTICIPATED EXPENSE TO BE ADDED TO MORTGAGE			19,469	
Already drawn against mortgage			23,711	
ANTICIPATED TOTAL MORTGAGE			43,180	

On a 24-yr mortgage, the bank expects us to pay ~ 5.97 per month per ~ 1,000 of face of the mortgage. Using ~ 43,180 as face, this gives about ~ 258 per month, or about ~ 3,100 per year.

(*) Library, ~ 10.11 added to savings; FDS Fund, 31.74 from savings; Scholarship Fund, ~ 50.00 added to savings.

Additional, unofficial notes privately made by Francis Holmes at the monthly meeting for business of May 12, 1965 - not a part of the Minutes:

Between the discussions reported in minutes 7 and 8:

Philip Woodbridge asked the meeting to give to the Peace and Social Concerns Committee any direction it wishes. It was suggested that the Peace and Social Concerns Committee could work out detailed action proposals, whether local or national, to present to the Monthly Meeting so that the latter need not act as a committee of the whole to discuss what detailed action might be carried out on the Peace and Social concerns brought by title only by individuals to the Monthly Meeting. Yet the particular social concerns that arise often are most intensely felt by persons who are not members of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. It was suggested that persons who feel a peace or social concern should go to the Peace and Social Concerns Committee to ask advice on how best to implement their concerns. Philip Woodbridge indicated that he could not serve as Convener of this Committee if it was going to be active! The Clerk directed that these notes be omitted from the Minutes.

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF JUNE 9, 1965, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS

1. The meeting opened at 7:55 p.m. with a period of silent worship and the reading of the eleventh revised query. Attendance then was 11.

2. The minutes of the business meeting of May 12, 1965, were read.

3. The annual reports of the Committees on Clothing and Relief, Library, and Religious Education were read. The reports were accepted with pleasure and gratitude and are attached to these minutes. Discussion and encouragement followed each report. Particular appreciation was expressed for the hard work of the First Day School teachers. It was proposed that the Religious Education Committee and the Program Committee consider whether to plan a joint meeting of teen-agers and adults for next autumn, to help each group to see better how the other feels about the Friends Meeting. All were urged also to attend the Religious Education Committee's retreat from Friday supper through Saturday afternoon, September 10-11, 1965.

4. The Nominating Committee proposed 4 new members for the Religious Education Committee (Page Bancroft, Robert Bancroft, Patricia Langford, Elwood Reber), 3 for the Fellowship Lunch Committee (Alta May Reber, Convener; Leone Barron, Ruth Hawkins), and 2 for the Library Committee (Susan Fletcher, Dorothy March). This interim report was approved and is attached to these minutes. The Meeting recommended that the Nominating Committee find additional members for the Fellowship Lunch Committee. The Nominating Committee requested volunteers.

5. Robert Agard was asked to serve as Convener of the Library Committee after the retirement of Helen Griffith from this service in October 1965. The meeting expressed its gratitude and appreciation to Helen Griffith for her valuable and considerable services over the past decade in bringing our library into active and flourishing existence.

6. The meeting approved accepting the offer of Dorothy March and Becky Holmes as co-conveners of the Clothing Committee.

7. Telephone arrangements (December 1964 Minute 3) were re-evaluated. We will go off the waiting list for a pay phone. The present arrangement is proving very satisfactory.

8. The First Day schedule (October 1964 Minute 18) was re-evaluated. The present 10:30 hour for Meeting for Worship was mentioned favorably by many. The meeting approved continuing that arrangement.

9. The custom of reading queries at occasional Meetings for Worship was re-evaluated. The practice was approved and it was suggested that Queries from other Disciplines could be used as the way opens.

10. The preceding minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

11. The Meeting recognized and highly approved the practice we have followed of sending a book to each child born into the Meeting. The Library Committee was asked to continue this responsibility for the time being.

12. Barbara Gilbert presented the Treasurer's Annual Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. She particularly pointed out that this has not been audited.

13. The meeting approved handling our money henceforth as a single budget, including what formerly was distinguished as "Amortization" as one of the items in the operating budget.

14. Robert Myers presented and discussed the Finance Committee's budget proposals for June 1, 1965, through May 31, 1966. In the year just ended, 43 persons or families contributed towards the meeting's expenses. The combined budgets were approved, totalling $6,580.56, as shown on the attached proposal as amended.

15. The Clerk reported that Louis Marsteller phoned to say that the Yearly Meeting is considering holding the next 3 meetings (1966-1968) at the University of Massachusetts, and requests a statement of our approval or disapproval. The meeting approved.

16. Hospitality was requested for 1 or more of 3 delegates en route to the Friends National Conference on Race Relations, the night of June 16th. [Later note: None was obtained.]

17. Ethel Dubois suggested that the meeting consider participation in the A.F.S.C. program of sponsoring Negro students from segregated southern High Schools in New England High Schools. Interested Friends are asked to consult with Ethel Dubois to discuss this possibility. A discussion will be held after Meeting for Worship on June 13.

18. The foregoing minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

19. The meeting ended at 11:00 p.m. Maximum attendance was 17. Final attendance was 6.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Holmes

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk

Names of those present at the meeting at one point, recorded counter-clockwise:

Robert Myers
Barbara Gilbert
Ethel Dubois
Thomas Crowe
Frances Crowe
Trevor Robinson
Francis Holmes
Helen Griffith
Margaret Holden
Robert Agard
Phyllis Agard
Page Bancroft
Philip Woodbridge
John Zahradnik
Miriam Zahradnik
Elwood Reber
Alta Mae Reber

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Report of the Clothing and Relief Committee for
the fiscal year June 1, 1964, through May 31, 1965:

During this fiscal year, your Clothing Committee made 3 shipments to the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia (July 8, December 4, May 19) comprising altogether 84 parcels containing 2,968 pounds of clothing. This brings the total shipped since 1955 to 30,515 pounds. A similar amount of material, either unmendable by our resources or of types not useful to the A.F.S.C., has been given to Good Will Industries in Springfield. Transportation to Philadelphia was again donated by the Hugh F. Gannon Freight Forwarders, of Dwight Street, Holyoke.

Part of this clothing was collected through the barrel at the First Congregational Church and part was donated at the Friends Meetinghouse. Dudley Towne conducted clothing drives on the Amherst College campus in May-June of 1964 and 1965, and one of his students conducted a drive in Holyoke.

The United Church Women met approximately monthly to sort and mend and pack clothing at the First Church. We were represented there by Mary Taylor and sometimes by others of the Friends Meeting. Numerous unscheduled work sessions were held also at the new Meetinghouse, and often included volunteers from the attenders who happened to be in the building. With so many occasions to get together for the work, there was usually no need to call any special meeting of the Committee.

This year saw the new rooms become available at the Meetinghouse. The processing center in the Holmes' garage was closed and moved to the Meetinghouse. Thanks to these new rooms, an effort could at last be made to establish collection centers in other towns in our area than Amherst, while the Amherst collections continue to be sorted, sewed and packed by the United Church Women. Two tentative efforts at expanding the area we serve regularly beyond Amherst, however, did not lead to the establishment of other permanent collection points. The Committee will welcome any volunteer who will set up a collection center in one of our other towns and bring the donations therein regularly to the Meetinghouse. Meanwhile, the new rooms are actively used for sorting the proceeds of special drives and of donations brought by meeting members.

All labor and transportation having been donated, the Committee had no expenses this year beyond the purchase of 2000 printed, gummed shipping labels (about $20). Since the Monthly Meeting has no budget for its Clothing and Relief work, this cost was met from its administrative budget. The Committee anticipates no expenses in the coming year. The A.F.S.C. in its annual report estimates the value of the clothing it ships at $1.00 per pound. Thus the Meeting may consider that through the provision for a Clothing Center and through the efforts of the volunteers, it has made possible the donation of clothing to the A.F.S.C. worth about $3000.00 this year.

Mary Taylor will be away from the valley next year, and so at a special meeting called May 23, 1965, Dorothy March and Becky Holmes agreed to offer their services as co-conveners in her place for the coming year. This offer was communicated to the Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Holmes

Clothing and Relief Committee

Membership: Mary Taylor (convener), Anne Agard, Ellen Agard, Susan Fletcher, Flora Johnson, Francis Holmes, Dorothy March.

MT. TOBY MONYHLY MEETING
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT- JUNE 1965

I believe that one of the most creative facets of our monthly meeting, and one of the least well known, is the annual weekend retreat of religious education committee members, Sunday School teachers, and other concerned adults at Woolman Hill early in September. It gives us a unique opportunity to get to know each other more intimately, and freedom to express our deepest feelings about our hopes for the growth of the children in the meeting. Members of this committee, at the retreat in September 1964, sensed that the move to a new meeting house, the appointment of a new committee, and the beginning of a new year united to encourage a modification of our approach to religious education. We were concerned about a compartmentalization which tended to set Sunday School off from meeting for worship, children from adults, learning from experience., and we searched for a program which might eradicate some of these boundaries. We tried to find a middle ground between opposite attitudes toward education- one, that children are empty vessels waiting to be filled with the right ideas and facts, and the other that they are living growing organisms, and that the primary function of education is the providing of a favorable climate for growth. (In our case we are mainly concerned with spiritual growth, but recognize that it is interwoven with mental and emotional growth.)

From the beginning we felt united in the feeling that our main job should be to try to create an atmosphere which would facilitate spiritual growth. While recognizing the advantages of the previous years schedule, we wanted to try some modification in which learning, fellowship, and worship might permeate all the activities of the meeting. We wanted a more flexible arrangement in which Friends were not inserted into slots of time and place according to their ages. To begin with, we urged Meeting for Business to advance the time of Meeting for Worship to the first part of Sunday morning, an idea which had been extensively discussed in various committees the year before. This gave our children a chance to experience the beginning of meeting for worship instead of the end, thus giving them a more complete experience of worship, while still not requiring them to attend more than the 20 minutes or so most of them find tolerable. They then leave meeting to go to Sunday School classes, which may end at the same time as meeting for worship or may- as in the case of the teen-agers' group getting engaged in a particularly absorbing discussion- go on for another hour, sometimes with a few of the adults joining them. There have also been various "activity groups" going on after meeting which try, more or less successfully, to cut across age lines. One group, mostly adult, read and discussed plays for many Sundays. There were about ten other discussions on topics of interest mainly to adults. There have been nature study groups, hikes, craft and painting groups which mixed adults and children with common interests. The leaders of these have tried to maintain a spiritual orientation.

We found we needed to reassure some members of the meeting that we did not intend to abandon the teaching of Bible stories, traditional Friends' concerns, and Quaker history, but only to approach them by another road. Close association with adults interested in these things inevitably results in their communicating information to the children, in ways which are more or less systematic according to the personality of the individual teacher.

One of our chief failures has been in the area of communications. On the bulletin board each Sunday is a schedule of all activities planned for that day and, when possible, a notice of what is planned for the next Sunday. Friend have been encouraged in meeting for worship, in monthly meeting, and in the newsletter to read the bulletin board. Yet we still have people who feel they should have been told that an activity or discussion was scheduled,

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and say they would have been there if they had only known. It has sometimes been embarrassing to announce a topic for discussion and invite a speaker, and then have only two or three people attend. There has also been some difficulty with communication between members of the committee due to our living in widely scattered communities.

We feel we made a good Beginning in the fall after a rather fumbling start because of the uncertainty about scheduling. We recognize that it was only a beginning, and that we need a searching evaluation of our first year's work and of our way of doing things. An after- christmas slump in attendance at committee meetings decreased the free flow of ideas needed to maintain a varied program; probably we needed a larger committee.

At our May committee meeting we attempted some evaluation of this year's program. These were some of the questions raised:

How can we ecourage our teen-agers to attend meeting for worship? Is any sort of pressure on them inadvisable?

Are the elementary school groups getting enough Bible study?

Which Sunday activities have been most profitable and enjoyable for mixed ages? Should we aim at more of this, or try it only on fellowship Sundays? Do we want more singing? folk singing? adult discussion groups?

How can we avoid ~~the attempts~~ discouraging the attempts now being made by the teen-agers to communicate with the adults? (We must remind ourselves of t the need for an accepting non-judgemental attitude if communication is not to be shut off.)

Initial enthusiasm in planning was followed by a slump. Did we bite off more than we could chew? Last fall there were too many responsibilities at once; with the move to the new meeting house, uncertainty about time of meeting for worship, open house, and expanded schedule, the committee was swamped by decisions in the first month. Could some Sunday activities be handled by another committee- perhaps the program committee?

How can we better inform Friends of planned activities?

Is the nursery group too big? Do we need both a nursery and a kindergarten? Do we need a separate nursery committee?

On the positive side, the committee felt the 10:30 hour for worship had worked out well. Programs involving all ages on fellowship Sundays have been good, but providing them every Sunday was beyond the capabilities of the committee.

The spontaneous expansion of the teen-age group deserves particular notice. Some of our 6th-graders feel more at home with this Sunday school ~~cal~~ class than with the younger one, and attend sporadically. Next year, at least two of the group will be in college. This unusually wide age-span seems to bother nobody. When asked by their adult leaders, they say emphatically they do not want to be split up. Before Christmas the group wrote a play of their own choosing and presented it to the Meeting on fellowshipSunday. They also became interested in civil rights work, and hit on the idea of a "skimp supper" or "delta dinner" as a way of raising money to support the work of an Amherst High School graduate, brother of an attender, who was doing volunteer work in Mississippi. Those families who wish to,plan the cheapest meal they can- for example, corn meal mush, skim milk, and an apple- on one night each week, and put the grocery money saved into the "Delta Dinner" box in the meeting house library. Out of these two projects- the play and the skimp suppers- plus a Christmas Eve solicitation on the Amherst green for the Mississippi work, grew the custom of meeting on alternate Friday evenings at members' homes to cook their own skimp supper and plan their own free-wheeling program of talk, games, and music. To some adult observers

it seems not so much to "be planned" as to "be allowed to happen." Obvio usly it fills a deeply felt need, or it would not have flourished so vigorously. Some psrents have interfered to the extent of insisting that the date and place of each meeting must be generally known, that parents expected to help with transportation must have their needs also considered, and that the group must do its own cleanup work.

To end with- some very rough statistics. Attendance at nursery is usually between 7 and 14, requiring a regular paid sitter-supervisor and one of the mothers to help. The two elementary school classes usually have about ten, the Jr.-Sr.-high group about 8 to 12. The Friday-evening social group of teen-agers has about 25 members from about 13 families, though there may be only 10 to 15 at any one meeting. This group is rapidly expanding with friends, and friends of friends, many of whom decide to attend Sunday school too.

Phyllis Agard
Convenor, Religious Education Committee

MT TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE, 6/9/65

Pursuant to the minutes of the monthly meeting held 5/12/65 the Nominating Committee presents the following report:

1. To serve on the Religious Education Committee until 9/66:

Paige Bancroft
Robert Bancroft
Patricia Langford
Elwood Reber

2. To serve on the Fellowship Committee until 1966:

Alta May Reber, Convenor
Leone Barron
Ruth Hawkins

3. To serve on the Library Committee until 1966:

Susan Fletcher
Dorothy March

The committee has not secured a convenor for the Library Committee, an appointment made necessary by the retirement of Helen Griffith in September, 1965. Unfortunately, Inez Fuller, who has been most helpful in the work of the committee, will be unable to continue this contribution to the meeting.

The Committee was not aware of the need to present names for the Clothing committee at the time of its meeting.

The Friends, whose names are presented, have consented to serve.

For the Committee

Robert M. Agard, Convenor.

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
BARBARA B. GILBERT, TREASURER
17 PAYSON AVENUE
EASTHAMPTON, MASS.
01027

May 31,1964 $17,041.23 in the checking account
508.71 in the Greenfield Savings

Using cash, gifts and loans we have paid total cost of

Meeting House	$71,526.00
Architect	7,152.60
Othercapital expenditures	5,710.62

May 31, 1964 in savings account 3128.63
now (June 9,1965) 3912.32

During the year 1964-65

	current budget receipts	2596.27
	expenditures	~~2579.58~~ 3129.32
	May 31 1965, in checking account	712.50
	now (June 9,1965)	802.50

other loans original amounts:
Greenfield Prep. Mtg. 21,000
Friends General Conference 4.000

MT. TOUR MONTHLY MEETING

Budget proposal by finance committee for year ending May 31, 1966, presented 6/65.

	Budget yr ending 5-31-65	Actual yr ending 5-31-65	Proposed yr ending 5-31-66
OPERATING BUDGET			
Meeting Activities			
Administrative and general	100	108.76	225
Telephone		44.32	
File cabinet (treasurer)		40.27	
Library	25	37.04	50
Plum Bay School	200	149.11	200
Janitorial	200	247.35	250
Quarterly Meeting Hospitality	50	0	50
Scholarship Fund (cumulative)	50	30.00	50
Fellowship Luncheon Supplies	55	0	55
Contingency	75	0	75
	755	656.85	965
Meetinghouse Maintenance			
Insurance	500	452.00	460
Household and cleaning supplies	50	0	50
Equipment (mops, brooms, etc)	100	282.63	0
Floor waxing annually	100	46.50	100
Emergency janitorial service (Volurteer)	0	0	50
Lawn care (Volunteer labor plus rough clip 3 times/yr	45	0	45
Snow removal	150	25.00	150
Heat and Light	500	593.07	750
	1,445	1,398.90	1,605
Transitional Meetinghouse responsibilities			
Rental	75	75.00	0
Taxes	0	20.77	0
	75	95.77	0
Local Outreach			25 ~~0~~ ~~0~~ 25
(Students - coffee included) + calendars	0	7.75	
	0	7.75	
Regional Outreach			
Yearly Meeting Contribution	500	500.00	500
Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund	30	30.00	30
Quarterly Meeting Contribution	30	30.00	30
Woolman Hill	125	125.00	125
China Camp	50	50.00	50
Friends' General Conference Meeting House Fund	15	15.00	15
	750	750.00	750
(add? Northern Educational Service)	0	0	~~25~~ ~~775~~
Widespread Outreach			
American Friends' Service Committee	15	15.00	25
Friends' Committee on National Legislation	15	115.00	~~15~~ 25
Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors	15	15.00	15
Friends' World Committee and Fellowship Council	15	15.00	15
	60	160.00	~~60~~ ~~70~~ 80
"Sundry"			
Pendle Hill expense	0	25.00	0
AFSC Dinner	0	3.60	0
Rubber stamp	0	1.75	0
Casters	0	2.00	0
Paint	0	8.35	0
Cleaning woman	0	7.50	0
Clock & wiring	0	10.60	0
Wax	0	1.25	0
		60.05	
OPERATING BUDGET TOTALS	3,085	3,129.32	~~3,405~~ 3,425

"Sundry" items need to be re-classified , but will not affect budget planning materially.

Contributions during past budget year toward operating budget: 2596.27

Balance available as of May 31, 1965: $ 712.50

Balance carried over from May 31, 1964: Not available as yet; audit report still to be received.

Amortization budget for year ending May 31, 1966: ~~$ 3,405~~ 3,155.56 R. Myers

Friends General Conference
1955-1964 A Decade of Growth

This report will do more than summarize what Friends General Conference has accomplished in 1964. It will also view these accomplishments in the perspective of the last ten years.

Several significant changes took place in 1955 in the life of Friends General Conference, and these changes constituted a watershed for subsequent years. The most important was the uniting of three of the Conference's constituent Yearly Meetings with their "orthodox" counterparts. This brought close to 9,000 additional Friends into the Conference.

1955 was also the year of the establishment of the Meeting House Fund, the year that three Conference committees dealing with peace and social order concerns were merged into one, and the first full year under the secretaryship of Lawrence Miller. The ten years since that time have seen growth in services performed, resulting in an increase of staff and budget.

THE SOCIETY IS ADVANCED IN BOTH TRADITIONAL AND NEW WAYS The vitality and growth of the Religious Society of Friends is predominantly dependent upon the resources and initiative of the local Meeting. The role of the Conference's Advancement Committee has always been to work with constituent Yearly Meetings in the nourishment of these resources and, through the sharing of information, to help local Meetings take the initiative in reaching out to seekers.

Emphasis has traditionally been placed upon personal visits, by staff members and committee members. Barnard Walton, even in his later years of service, averaged one Meeting visited per week, and this was by no means simply an overnight stop. In 1964, in one two-month period, Paul Goulding, Assistant Secretary of the Conference, visited 20 Meetings or groups in 12 states.

Thousands of leaflets, for use with seekers and newcomers, are distributed to Meetings every year. The 1964 publications were "Sacraments: A Quaker Approach" by Maurice Creasey, "The Practice of Quaker Worship" by Lawrence Miller, and "Starting a New Friends Group" by Kenneth Ives and Francis Hole. Two newer methods of promotion for Meetings are the use of posters and of road signs, both of which the Conference office makes available.

NON-RESIDENT FRIENDS FIND FELLOWSHIP THROUGH THE CONFERENCE In the mobile society of America today an increasing number of Friends are finding themselves geographically isolated from Meetings. They are "non-resident Friends." Seven thousand of these Friends are listed in the files of the Conference; 350 belong to the Fellowship of Non-Resident Friends, through which they receive inspirational literature and personal attention. Where a sufficient number of these Friends are located in one community, they constitute a base for the formation of a worship group. The Advancement Committee actively promotes the beginning of new worship groups and Meetings.

THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY AND THE MINISTRY OF FRIENDS A significant number of Meetings, both General Conference and independent, are adjacent to or near college campuses. The Conference publishes a list of over 200 colleges and universities near which is located an unprogrammed Meeting. "The Ministry of Friends to the Academic Community" was the subject of a three day conference in September, 1964, at Pendle Hill, jointly sponsored with the AFSC and Pendle Hill. Over 60 Friends, representing as many Meetings, attended the conference, for which written papers had been prepared. Believing that current trends of religious thought may well bring more attention to focus on Quakerism, the Advancement Committee is carefully considering what further role it should assume in this important dialogue between Friends and the intellectual community.

THE CONFERENCE PROVIDES HOUSING FOR THE QUAKER SPIRIT Few programs of Friends General Conference begun within the last ten years have met as clear a need as the Meeting House Fund. Prior to the establishment of this Fund from which grants and loans are made, it was in most cases necessary for a local Meeting to collect from its own membership all the money needed for a building project or on its own initiative to canvass other Meetings. Many "young" Meetings, using rented buildings, were not financially able to build a meeting house from their own resources.

In ten years grants totaling $50,000 have been given to 32 Meetings. Loans totaling $139,000 have been made to 25 Meetings. Over half of the Meetings assisted are in the Middle West or Far West. Some of these loans have come from the mortgage pool fund, accumulated from the sale of mortgage pool notes.

At the end of 1964 thirty individual Friends and twelve Meetings had invested $71,000 in the mortgage pool. During that same year grants totaling $10,000 were given to five Meetings and loans totaling $25,500 were made to five Meetings. While grants and loans are made to Meetings irrespective of affiliation, only Meetings within the Conference are solicited for contributions to the Meeting House Fund.

FIRST-DAY SCHOOLS LOOK TO THE CONFERENCE FOR RESOURCES Few long-established programs of the Conference have flourished and grown in the last ten years as much as the work of the Religious Education Committee. Under the able chairmanship of Amelia Swayne, the early part of this period saw the development of an office with a Religious Education Secretary. The Committee itself has continued to assume a major share of corporate responsibility for the production of First-day School materials.

The Committee has published materials on Quakerism, the Bible, church history and other subjects for all age groups. Courses of study are now "tested" in one or more First-day Schools before being published. 1964 publications included "Religious Education in the Family and Small Meeting," "Religious Education Faces the Future," "My Part in the Quaker Adventure" (a revision), "Friends Testimonies in the Home" (a reprint), and "Transforming Power for Peace" (a revision). The Committee in 1962 initiated a long-term review of its philosophy of religious education and is evaluating existing and potential materials in the light of this review.

Under the wing of this Committee is the annual Rufus Jones Lecture, designed to bring to Friends some of the best thinking in the religious education field. A week end seminar with the lecturer follows, affording an opportunity to explore in depth the lecture itself. The Committee also has an extensive tape recordings library which includes lectures and talks mainly by Friends. The possibility of enlarging this library to include films and other visual aids is being considered.

WAYS ARE SOUGHT TO STRENGTHEN THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT The new Religious Life Committee, which was established in 1963, inherited what has probably been the Conference's most dynamic program. This is the Quaker Dialogue Program under the leadership of Rachel Davis DuBois of New York Yearly Meeting. The purpose of the dialogue program is to stimulate at the local Meeting level, through skilled leadership, the communication of members with one another and thereby to release the Meeting as a whole to achieve a deeper spiritual level. Since 1958, when the program began, there have been dialogues in close to 300 Meetings across the country. Workshops have trained other leaders.

In 1964 the Religious Life Committee was responsible for a study of the spiritual vitality of local Meetings, their Meetings for worship, and the development of ministry. Meetings of the Religious Life Committee itself are used as occasions for consideration in depth of the fundamental problems facing the Society of Friends today. The Committee is just beginning to formulate and carry out its program of service to constituent Meetings.

THE CONFERENCE SUPPORTS QUAKER SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION Contact is maintained by the Central Committee of the Conference with Quaker schools through the Conference's Education Committee and through its support of the Friends Council on Education. In 1964 a contribution of $500 was made to the Council.

THE TESTIMONIES OF THE SOCIETY RECEIVE CAREFUL ATTENTION Friends General Conference has traditionally endeavored not to duplicate the efforts of other organizations. Particularly is this true in the peace and social order field. Nevertheless, the Conference has found a useful role in a number of activities and in cooperative efforts with other Quaker groups.

Foremost among the activities of the Peace and Social Order Committee during the last ten years has been the representation of the Conference as a Non-Governmental Organization at the United Nations by Esther Holmes Jones, whose term of service concluded in 1964. Through her untiring work, hundreds of Friends have been introduced to the United Nations. A small subcommittee has sponsored almost annually a two-day conference at the UN and for many years published "News of the UN."

The Peace and Social Order Committee regularly sends representatives to national conferences, such as the American Correctional Congress, has had an active role through its representative in the Consultative Peace Council, and has co-sponsored within the last ten years three Quaker peace projects in Washington, D.C., the most successful of which was in 1960 when over a thousand Friends observed the 300th anniversary of the 1660 Declaration of Friends to Charles II. The Committee is responsible for the Community Friendship Project to promote interracial communication, a program under the leadership of Rachel Davis DuBois.

QUAKERS REACH OUT INTO THE ECUMENICAL WORLD The opportunities for participation in the ecumenical movement are almost limitless. Many Meetings belong to local councils of churches; some Yearly Meetings belong to state councils. Friends General Conference is a member of the World Council of Churches. The Conference's delegate to the 1961 Assembly in New Delhi, India, was Raymond Wilson of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Robert Schultz of New York Yearly Meeting, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Unity, represents the Conference on the U.S. Conference for the World Council. Dean Freiday, also of New York Yearly Meeting, attended the

Fourth World Conference on Faith and Order in 1963 and a meeting of the Central Committee of the World Council. Papers have been submitted to the Council on various subjects, such as the role of women in the Society of Friends. Nominations were made in 1964 for Quaker representation at the 1966 conference on God, Man and Society.

The Committee's function has not been limited to World Council concerns, although this is the only ecumenical body to which the Conference belongs. Young Friends have been encouraged in their participation in the United Christian Youth Movement and the National Student Christian Federation. There has been a long-standing interest in the International Association for Liberal Christianity and Religious Freedom, and official observers have been sent to recent Congresses. A consultation with Brethren and Mennonites was held in 1964.

ANNUAL CONFERENCES PROVIDE EDUCATION AND INSPIRATION Major contributions to the binding together, inspiration and education of Friends are made by Friends General Conference through its annual week-long conferences. These conferences have programs for all age groups, include outstanding lecturers and speakers, and provide for adult round tables or discussion groups on a wide variety of topics. The conference schedule includes meetings for worship and time for recreation. Books and pamphlets are available for purchase. In the even-numbered years the conference has been held for many years in Cape May, New Jersey. A conference similar in type was first held in 1963 in Traverse City, Michigan, and will again be held in 1965.

Special efforts were made in 1962 to evaluate the Cape May conference. No major changes were recommended, although minor improvements were suggested and have been made. Attendance in 1964 totaled 2,801. Of these, 756 were in the Junior Conference, 341 in the Senior High School Conference, and 108 were Young Friends related to the college age group.

Henry J. Cadbury, Charles A. Wells, Paul A. Lacey, and Josephine M. Benton were the daily lecturers. Evening speakers included Wyatt T. Walker, Howard Thurman, James M. Read, Arthur D. Little, Duncan Wood, and William Hubben. One evening was devoted to a panel on the Peace Corps and the Voluntary International Service Assignments of the AFSC. Twenty-five overseas guests, sponsored by 34 Meetings, attended the conference. Teas, special interest group meetings, and film showings provided opportunities for small groups of Friends to gather informally.

The ten-year period, 1955 to 1964, closes with a staff of three full time secretaries, and it is confidently expected that this accomplishment will pay dividends in services performed for constituent Meetings. The prayerful attention of Friends to all phases of the Conference program is needed to assure that this enlarged program will be rightly ordered and in accord with the leadings of the Spirit.

Friends General Conference
1520 Race Street
Philadelphia, Pa., 19102

April 1965

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Report of the Library Committee

June 10, 1965

Our Meeting library, starting in a humble way in October, 1955, is approaching its tenth birthday. During the summer of '55 when the suggestion was made that the books the Meeting owned should be catalogued and a regular library started, an attender of the Meeting, Leona Richmond, who before her marriage had been on the staff of the Library of Congress, offered to do the work for us. Unfortunately before she was able to start, her husband was transferred to New Jersey. Though busy packing she met Lucia Russell and me at Sherwood on October 5 and helped us with the order for equipment that would be needed before we started. I have a record of five other meetings with her before she left at the end of October. From that time until recently we have struggled along without professional guidance. Ethel Hardwell and Inez Fuller were early added to the original committee of two. Later Gladys Myers has done yeoman service and is in charge of the vertical file. But our cataloguing is an amateur and sometimes wrong-headed affair. However since the items are listed by subject as well as by author, the library has proved to be usable so far and will give pain only to professional librarians.

A church library of well chosen books and pamphlets is probably more important for Friends than for members of other churches. If we take our belief in a lay ministry seriously we surely need to read both for information about Quaker matters and for spiritual renewal. The wealth of Quaker books, journals and pamphlets from the very beginning shows how well this was understood by our founding fathers. When Mary Fisher and Ann Austin landed in Boston in 1656 they had with them a hundred books. That was less

than four years from the day that George Fox standing on Pendle Hill had his vision of "a great people to be gathered." Quakers for three hundred years have shared their experiences and insights through the written as well as the spoken word.

Like many libraries ours is uneven. At first we accepted books somewhat indiscriminately. Then we began deliberately to build a collection of basic books by and about Quakers and Quaker concerns, which is being added to yearly. Many of these books have been gifts. We are especially indebted to a committee of New England Yearly Meeting called the Mosher Book and Tract Committee. Each year it sends to all New England Monthly Meetings a list of books from which to select a certain number. We have the privilege of choosing each year two books for adults and one for juveniles. You will see the Committee's bookplate in some of our most valuable books. This year Francis Holmes, always on the alert for good news, heard that Philadelphia Yearly Meeting had a little-used book fund (the Philadelphia area has two of the best Quaker libraries in the country) and he wrote to ask whether Meetings outside their area might benefit. The result is that we can order $25.00 's worth of books from their list. Also from an item in our Newsletter he got in touch with a Mr.Charles Palmer who had taken and kept the Friends Intelligencer from about 1879 until it merged with The Friend in 1955 to form the Friends Journal. Barbara Gilbert picked up the almost seventy years of this Quaker periodical which now repose in our library. Whether any of it will be bound is another matter, but we do bind regualrly the Friends Journal and the(London)Friend. A volume of a Quaker Dutch magazine has been given to us. Altogether we have the beginning of a Quaker periodical reference library. Along the same line is the gift that Louis Marstaller brought to our Open House last fall - a complete set of our united Yearly Meeting minutes and thirty-five years of the minutesof the bigger of the two New England Yearly Meetings that

joined in 1945 to form ours.

A very welcome, large and generous gift was in the juvenile field. Christopher Leonard gave his collection of the Landmark and other similar books in the fields of biography, history, science, exploration, etc. Mary Elder, George Taylor and Barbara Gilbert have all made valuable additions during the year to our Quaker material. So have others, but we don't know who gave what. Please leave a slip in the book you give so that the donor's name may be entered in our accession book.

A gift of another kind was made by the young people who helped to move our library from the Zahradniks, who had generously taken in the waif when it had no home, to its new and convenient abiding place. Those same young people also helped during Christmas vacation in the processing of Christopher Leonard's big gift of books.

During the past year 150 books and pamphlets have been added to our library which now numbers one thousand catalogued books and pamphlets. The greatest event of the year was moving into our new quarters. They are all and more than we'd hoped for. Indeed it might be interesting to end with a quotation from a document asked for by the Building Committee and handed in to it on April 14, 1962. It is headed Library Committee Report on its Needs and Desires for the New Meetinghouse Library.

"Of first importance is easy accessibility to our place of worship. When Meeting breaks, we should find it easy to drift into the library. Because we do not have a professional ministry, the chief means by which inquirers become informed about Quaker ideas, testimonies, histories, and way of life is throught the wealth of published material - books, pamphlets, leaflets. Our library aims to center on this material. All of us, especially members, need to read more along lines that will deepen and enrich our spiritual life. But human nature being what it is and our daily lives what they are, unless material is thrust under our very noses,

we are too "busy" to look it up....A location ensuring after-meeting availibility is, then, our first requirement, one that serves directly the spiritual life of the Meeting."

Another thing mentioned that the architect has managed for us is shelf space and that the shelves should not go go down to the floor or all the way to the ceiling. It is hard to see how the architect could have served us better. All we need now are locks on some of the cupboards and Venetian blinds or other window covering to protect facing books from fading when the library is not in service and ~~also~~ committee members ~~working~~ there in the summer.

Helen Griffith, Chairman

ANNUAL REPORTS

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING of FRIENDS

PEMBROKE COLLEGE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND JUNE 22-27, 1965

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Yearly Meeting Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council has met five times since the Yearly Meeting sessions of June 1964, with generally good attendance; on September 26 and November 16, 1964, January 16, March 14, and May 23, 1965, all at the Cambridge Friends Center.

Much of the business of our meetings has been concerned with those plans for Yearly Meeting which fall outside the province of the Arrangements Committee. The dropping of the departmental structure has left many of the details unattended, and the Executive Council has undertaken such of these details as has seemed proper. Much of the task of acquiring speakers and handling other arrangements has fallen to us. A worship-workshop is to be undertaken by the Council itself this year, on "Friends Responsibility for their Public Schools."

Reports of the Field Secretary and the Young Friends Secretary have been received and it is the feeling of the Council that these important officers of the Yearly Meeting are carrying out their duties in an exemplary fashion.

A subcommittee of the Executive Council has examined in some detail fourteen possible sites for the 1966 sessions of the Yearly Meeting, and their report highly recommending the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Massachusetts, June 21 - 26, 1966, has been approved for forwarding to the Permanent Board.

The Council is continuing its inquiry into the possible realignment of our Quarterly Meetings along state lines, or other possible changes. A number of comments have been received, both pro and con. It is hoped that this matter will be actively discussed, since it has many advantages and disadvantages. Certainly nothing can be done until further discussion has led the Yearly Meeting toward a unity of opinion.

Samuel B. Burgess, Chairman

DISCIPLINE REVISION COMMITTEE

During this past year the committee has completed its work of revision, and now presents a draft of the three remaining chapters of Part I on Faith and Life. In addition, we present a new draft of chapter I on Historical Background, as well as a new set of Queries for Ministry and Counsel. We also include the Queries for Boys and Girls which many meetings have found useful. We hope that Friends will examine these new chapters carefully to determine whether these are suitable for our Yearly Meeting Book of Faith and Practice. We have tried both to be aware of modern needs and to be conscious of our spiritual heritage.

It has been brought to the committee's attention that two changes should be made in Part II on "Practice and Procedure" which was adopted by the Yearly Meeting last year. Our committee therefore presents them to the Yearly Meeting as changes that should be made according to the section on Revising the Discipline.

1. Our present Discipline does not include any authorization for a Monthly Meeting to hold property. Therefore, on page 4, in the middle of the fourth sentence under "F. The Monthly Meeting," insert the following words: "holds and administers real estate and other property."

This entire sentence will then read as follows: "It collects funds required for the work of the Meeting, holds and administers real estate and other property, appoints members and committees for special service and considers and approves their reports."

2. Confusion appears to have arisen in interpreting the paragraph on "Overseers" on page 14. We therefore recommend a rewording of that paragraph as follows:

> "Overseers. In larger Meetings a portion of the duties of the Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel may at the option of the Monthly Meeting be assigned to a separate body to be known as Overseers. Overseers may be appointed in the same way as the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. When established, the Overseers may report their recommendations directly to the Monthly Meeting. Overseers and the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel should meet jointly from time to time to ensure a common understanding of their respective responsibilities and of Meeting problems."

George A. Selleck, Chairman

ARCHIVES AND HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

The Committee has held four meetings during the year marked by good attendance. The unfolding, pressing and sorting of the many papers, moved last year with our records to John Carter Brown Library, has gone on during the year and is now finished. They have filled sixty-six standard filing cases. Several Friends have contributed their work in this effort; Louisa White, Ruth Burgess, Lorelei de la Fuenti of North Dartmouth Meeting; Sarah Gallagher, Doris Mowry and your chairman from the Committee. We are about to begin the actual cataloging of this large amount of material.

The staff of the John Carter Brown Library have been very helpful as to our comfort and with answering questions. Glenn Skillin of the staff is in charge of our project. Last summer we had the good fortune to have Willman Spawn working for the Library in the next alcove. He is a Friend from 4th and Arch Street Meeting in Philadelphia, an expert restorer of old books and manuscripts with the American Philosophical Society. He was able to tell us much about the importance of the papers we were unfolding. He and the Library were especially pleased with a number of our finds. One was an English broadside on Pride reprinted in Philadelphia in the 18th century which had never been recorded in the annals of American printers; also the story of a printing of the Bible by Isaac Collins, a Quaker of Burlington, New Jersey in 1791 and its distribution in New England. Providence Monthly Meeting had a copy of this edition, said to be the most accurate one ever printed. On the other side of us is a graduate assistant, working on a history of the Town of Smithfield, Rhode Island. He is grateful for the use of our Quaker material which is extensive for this area.

In cooperation with Helen Paxton of Moses Brown School, we have arranged for the restoration of Moses Brown and Obadiah Brown's libraries which are in the vault at the School. This work is made possible by contributions from the Obadiah Brown Benevolent Fund.

We have contacted Dover, New Hampshire Town Hall, Portland, Maine Historical Association, the Nantucket Historical Association, the Massachusetts Historical Association in order to get up to date lists of the Friends Records which they hold.

An increasing amount of genealogical work, using our records, has been done by the Chairman. All the Friends Colleges which have Quaker Collections, Haverford, Swarthmore, Earlham, Guilford, have been visited by the Chairman. In each, the Librarians have kindly explained their systems.

We wish to remind Friends to send us items of historical interest and to note particularly current material in their Meetings which should be preserved. A number of important papers have come to us this year. Letters of Friends, active in their day, are often sought after by historians. Our records contain many fascinating stories of praise-worthy human action. There is also much to make us humble, because our failures are well recorded, too. Your Committee is happy to have a part in this essential mission for the healthy organization of a church.

Thyra Jane Foster, Chairman

MOSHER BOOK AND TRACT COMMITTEE

The Mosher Book and Tract Committee is still supplying books and periodicals to Monthly and Preparative Meetings in each Quarter of the Yearly Meeting. The number of requests for both Quaker Life and Friends Journal has risen slightly this year. Orders for books are coming in slowly as usual, but by the time the year has finished all will have been served. We found we expended from the account more than was received last year, so we have asked the Meetings to stick more closely to the rules of ordering three books for Monthly Meetings and one book for Perparative Meetings. We have not yet decided on our "outreach" gift, but we feel that can be done at Yearly Meeting time at a called Committee Meeting. Again we have supplied Quaker Life to the two schools in Ramallah. Also Quaker Life, Friends Journal and The Friend have been sent to the Friends Home in Hingham.

Edith C. Ware, Chairman

FIVE YEARS MEETING COMMITTEE

To assist the committee in its work here in New England, David Stanfield, Secretary of the Board on Stewardship and Finance, presented to the committee the new approach to raising money - the Partner Projects. This is a program created for local Meetings to help them enlarge their participation in the work of the Five Years Meetin by assuming a "special project," many of which are outlined in a Partner Projects Directory. To help get this program going in New England, the Five Years Meeting

committee undertook the task of informing New England Friends of the need in Jamaica at Happy Grove School - one of the Partner Projects. All New England Friends were mailed a letter explaining the need for a new classroom building. This is a real challenge to us inasmuch as the Jamaican government has offered $40,000 toward this end if American Friends will provide $20,000. We are hopeful that Friends in New England will respond to the urgent need and tremendous opportunity for Christian witness that this Partner Project offers.

Elizabeth L. Jones, Chairman

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

The New England Yearly Meeting of Friends Missionary Committee met at Yearly Meeting time to appoint members to the sub-committees on Indian Affairs and the Freedmen's Fund and to organize for the year 1964-1965.

At the Committee Day in November in Cambridge plans were made for the worship-Workshop of the Missionary Committee to be held each morning during Yearly Meeting, June 23 through June 26. Levinus Painter, Pastor and lecturer from New York Yearly Meeting, is to be resource leader for the Worship-Workshop. He has visited recently with Friends groups in his travels around the world, and has a wealth of information to share. Quaker Ministry and Outreach, in East Asia, India and the Middle East, East Africa, and America will be considered. Elmer Brown, who has had experience in Japan and Korea, will be present to add to the discussion on East Asia, and Willard Ware will assist with up to date information whenever possible. Slides will be used to point up certain phases of the work. On Thursday evening Levinus Painter will bring a message to the entire assembly in a public meeting on "Expanding Horizons of Quaker Outreach."

Friends are asked to be thinking of suitable appointees for the Freedmen's Fund sub-committee in June.

Annie S. Dernier, Chairman

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Junior and Junior High Yearly Meetings under the direction of Lelia Taylor were successful. Helen Wyman is the new Junior-Junior High Yearly Meeting director. This year's worship-workshop group was small, but there was a sharing of ideas from programmed and unprogrammed Meetings which was rewarding. Louisa White presented a very interesting history of Friends Sunday Schools. Meta Ruth Ferguson from the Five Years Meeting was with us part time and gave us helpful suggestions. David Wetherell will lead the 1965 workshop.

Harrison and Anne Smith conducted Vacation Church Schools at Fairfield, Winthrop, Durham, Windham, and Parsonsfield in Maine. Enthusiastic reports of appreciation have come from these Meetings. Margaret Wentworth will be directing a similar program in the summer of 1965. Plans for a new type of summer program which would appeal to more Meetings are under consideration.

The Christian Education Library at Hingham has received more books. A new listing will be made of these books. We hope Friends will make use of them.

Members have worked with Young Friends as in the past, and others have been named to plan for the future with Ed Hinshaw.

Jane E. Cook & Sylvia Perry, Co-Chairmen

FIELD SECRETARY

One cannot travel about 21,000 miles visiting Meetings, committees, conferences, and individual Friends as I have during the past year without gathering certain impressions of the state of our Society.

Friends concerns for national and international issues have led many to expend time and energy to try to help resolve these problems. Others faithfully attend to local affairs.

The attendance I have observed at Yearly Meeting committees and some Quarterly Meetings though has been rather small, making one question the role or problems of these groups. Several items appear: the relevance of work of the committee or meeting isn't known, or doesn't seem important; the pressure of school, work, or other

interests forces the Meeting out; and the length of time it takes to resolve minor issues discourages many. I suggest we need more education among our members regarding our and other Friends' activities and we need to continually review the role of our committees and meetings to see that they are relevant.

The growth and development of several Meetings and numerous younger families in many Meetings gives one optimism for the future. The good response of young people to Ed Hinshaw and the Young Friends program is very encouraging. Friends gifts to China Camp and other projects evidence great concern.

If we try to live as Christ taught and obey the light we have, the love we show will inspire others.

Louis Marstaller

YEARLY MEETING OFFICE

The Yearly Meeting Office has edited and published four issues of THE NEW ENGLAND FRIEND; guided the Minute book, Preliminary Announcement and Calendar of the Yearly Meeting through their printing process and distributed them; sent out committee notices, flyers, and minutes on request; prepared and distributed these mimeographed reports; mimeographed and assembled the latest revised section of Faith and Practice; kept the mailing list up-to-date; addressed envelopes using our mailing list for the Friends Journal and the Five Years Meeting; plus miscellaneous items.

Friends from Durham and the two Portland Meetings have been faithful in assistance with the bulk mailings.

Clarabel Marstaller, Office Secretary

YOUNG FRIENDS SECRETARY

First, I wish to thank the Yearly Meeting for providing the opportunity of serving Friends in this manner. It is work I enjoy; challenging and frustrating. However, the job description of this position is an impossibility for one person. I view the description as what we are to do together as a Yearly Meeting for, and with, young people.

Since September last, several encouraging signs have been seen.

1) Young Friends Mid-winter Conference doubled in attendance. Numbers are not always a healthy sign. However, this is an indication that the lines of communication are being cleared between Yearly Meeting activities and local Monthly Meeting youth.

2) The Young Friends Crier, started over a year ago, has increased its circulation to about 350 Young Friends. A much greater sharing from the whole of the Yearly Meeting through the Crier is in evidence.

3) A book list was prepared to encourage Young Friends' programs in the local meetings. This has been helpful in a small way. The problem is not program or material but imaginative leadership committed to the time and patience needed for youth activities.

4) Arising out of last year's Yearly Meeting an experimental Quarterly Meeting group has been meeting. This group meets monthly for discussion, projects and fellowship suppers.

5) In cooperation with the China Camp Committee and the director, I have been working on a camp program which over a three year period would introduce youth to a fairly broad understanding of Quaker and Christian traditions. Indication from registration thus far is that Camp may be better attended this year.

6) Monthly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting visitation is an important means of establishing lines of communication. Three fourths of the Monthly Meetings and all of the Quarterly Meetings have been visited.

7) At Durham, a day conference was held to examine the meeting's ministry to youth in the community. Perhaps the most insight was received in working out the program together. Some increased youth activity in meeting is being reported. However, this is probably due to the continued efforts of the two young adults working with the youth.

8) Through a series of favorable circumstances a college age retreat came to be held over Easter weekend. This involved considerable letter writing, trips and exploratory meetings, but proved well worth it. Twenty older Young Friends and interested persons met, reaching one of the deepest spiritual fellowships I have ever experienced in a weekend. The door is wide open for similar retreats and extended college work.

9) I also attended the Christian Education Committee and Youth Department of Five Years Meeting for New England Yearly Meeting. The discussion of the week centered around, not more Friends material, but their use which inevitably means the need for greater understanding of Friends Christian Education, our purpose, our goals and our methods.

10) There are other activities in which I am involved, i.e., Maine Quaker Youth Fellowship, Arrangements Committee for Woolman Hill Conference and Young Friends Yearly Meeting. Nine Young Friends attended a Washington Seminar of the Five Years Meeting and Friends Committee on National Legislation. My wife, Dorothy, and Lois Brown provided the transportation. I baby sat by taking the tribe (my family) to Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting. Three New England Young Friends have been selected to attend the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage in England.

The year ahead will of course include the continuation of the above activities. Monthly Meetings, especially Ministry and Counsels, are encouraged to be aware of a) the nearest college and extend the arm of friendship through personal visits; b) youth who became teenagers almost overnight; c) family needs in a non-family society. Concerning this point, Young Friends have expressed that they are not so much interested in separate activities, but want to be a part of a religious fellowship which involves all, young and old. d) There is great need for leadership which will participate and grow with youth. This does not necessarily mean trained leadership, but it does mean commitment which in turn means that there is something of value in the religious life, Quaker and Christian tradition, and in the sharing of it.

Edwin Hinshaw

CHINA CAMP COMMITTEE

China Camp for 1964 was directed by Jack and Susan Smith, assisted by David Wetherell. The elementary school session was operated at capacity with 24 campers. The High School and Junior High sessions were operated with 8 and 16 campers respectively. Campers came from 17 Meetings. Since some elementary age campers were turned away last year, it was decided to operate Camp in 1965 with a total of four two-week sessions: two for elementary and one each for High School and Junior High.

After the 1964 camp sessions, special money was raised to further develop China Camp. Already additional lake frontage and play areas have been purchased. Plans are being made to improve the lake frontage, and to obtain water from a nearby spring.

The facilities of China Camp were used by the Maine Quaker Youth Fellowship during the last week of August.

Stanley L. Aldrich, Chairman

CHINA CAMP TREASURER'S REPORT
1964

February 1, 1964 Cash on Hand		$ 633.38
Income:		
Camp Fees	1815.50	
Donations	523.53	
Miscellaneous	5.73	
Total Income		2344.76
Total		2978.14
Expenses:		
Salaries	1350.00	
Food	554.21	
Insurance	318.50	
Utilities	168.56	
Supplies	128.60	
Building material	19.67	
Transportation	89.25	
Land Option	100.00	
Miscellaneous	80.32	
Total Expense		2809.11
February 28, 1965		$ 169.03

George Cates, Treasurer

NEW ENGLAND FRIENDS HOME COMMITTEE

The Home still has thirteen guests who appear to be contented and happy. Nine are Friends and four non-Friends. The Home is operating at full capacity.

In the third year of our operation of the Home, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has come up with some new regulations governing activities such as ours. The sprinklers must be changed, a fire alarm audible throughout the building must be installed, and it must be connected with the town fire alarm system, stairways must be enclosed at each floor, plus a few other items, all of which are expensive. We have no other alternative but to comply.

The Amesbury property still remains unsold.

The Home will profit from bequests in the will of the late Amy Hayden of Providence Monthly Meeting.

The Home Committee is now providing Blue Cross and Blue Shield insurance for the staff.

Many visiting Friends attend Meeting for Worship held at the Home each First Day. Again we want to mention that the sewing committee is very busy. We hope that visiting Friends will continue to show the slides of their travels to the residents of the Home - who very much enjoy them.

Gwendolyn Halewood, Chairman

NEW ENGLAND FRIENDS HOME
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1965

INCOME

Room rents and meals		$ 22,789.42
Meals served visitors		208.00
Income from Trust Funds		7,937.01
From N.E. Yearly Meeting		1,500.00
Gifts		132.00
Interest on Bank Deposits		8.00
Miscellaneous Income		7.00
		$ 32,581.43

EXPENSES

Provisions		4,014.79
Supplies		375.68
Utilities		
Telephone	326.88	
Gas	2,964.08	
Water	192.22	
Electricity	531.68	4,014.86
Laundry		172.81
Maintenance		1,102.70
Salaries		11,021.27
Insurance		812.60
Blue Cross		103.95
Travel		359.70
Repairs		1,251.18
Pay Roll Taxes		477.56
		23,924.10

Excess of Income over expenses	8,657.33
Cash Balance at start	6,437.55
Cash Balance at end	15,094.88
Plus unpaid withholding	124.01
	$ 15,218.89

National Bank Plymouth County	$ 10,118.89
Provident Inst. for Savings	5,000.00
Petty Cash	100.00
	$ 15,218.89

Henry W. Stokes, Treasurer

MEETINGS AND EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Wider intervisitation within the Yearly Meeting, especially to the small or isolated Meetings, is still a major concern of our committee. We encourage visits by members of the Committee, by Friends of our own or other Yearly Meetings, singly or in small groups, for worship and fellowship with sometimes discussions on prearranged topics. During the past year the Committee met at Winthrop Friends Meetinghouse, Maine; at Dover Friends Meetinghouse, New Hampshire with afternoon consideration of Friends Outreach to Schools and Colleges; and at Beacon Hill Friends House, Boston, with an afternoon discussion on Leadership in Pastoral Meetings.

A full schedule was arranged for Eugene Coffin of Richmond, Indiana. He attended one session of the Woolman Hill Conference; Dover Quarterly Meeting; meetings at Smith Neck, Dartmouth, Mass; Newport, Rhode Island; Saylesville, Rhode Island; and Lawrence, Mass. He also visited and spoke at both Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools in Providence, at Beacon Hill Friends House in Boston, and with Lynn, Mass. Friends. He had a television interview at New Bedford.

Again this April with several other committees and the American Friends Service Committee we co-sponsored a Woolman Hill conference on the Spiritual Bases of Friends Concerns. Fifty Friends representing about twenty meetings attended a part or all. Wilmer and Mildred Binns Young of Pendle Hill were guest leaders and the deeply searching tone of the conference was set by Mildred Young's opening talk which challenged our privileged and often self-indulgent way of life which leaves us "ill at ease with our situation." Besides the Youngs we had able leadership in George Selleck on the Meaning of Concern as it has developed in the Society of Friends; in Robert Burgess on Sensitizing Ourselves to the Needs of our Day; in Joel Hayden on Developing and Strengthening our Inner Resources; and in John Sullivan on Spiritual Growth through Service. Perhaps the greatest value of these Woolman Hill conferences is in the warm fellowship and sharing of our deeper feelings and experiences.

We are aware, and grateful, that the work of this Committee is greatly expanded by the visits, spontaneous or planned, of individuals and Yearly Meeting committees. It would be helpful if there were feed back from such visiting to help us in planning our program. A visitors card for such reporting is available from the Committee secretary. We would also welcome requests from Meetings or isolated Friends who would like to have us meet with them.

Ruth Hoge, Secretary

SPIRITUAL CONDITION

DOVER QUARTERLY MEETING

Weare Monthly Meeting:

Regular meetings have been held less often than usual. Our membership gets smaller each year as members become less able to carry on the duties of the Meeting, and younger members are few and often out of the area. Some of our members are active in the work of the Federated Church, and children of members attend the Federated Sunday School. The Monthly Meeting conducts services in the Unity Meeting House on the first Sunday in August. Quarterly Meeting is held in the Henniker Meeting House as is the August Monthly Meeting.

Concord Meeting is held regularly at 10:00 on Sundays, with several members taking part in the unprogrammed meeting. Discussions are often held after meeting, and sometimes refreshments are enjoyed together. Special care is given to the teaching of children. Many Friends travel from some distance to share in the fellowship of this meeting. Although there is a great deal of turnover, the attendance remains constant at about twenty. We feel very happy about the spiritual health of the meeting, but we are searching for ways to reach more people who might be interested in such a meeting.

Dover Monthly Meeting:

Gonic Meeting has been meeting since 1743. The faith that made those first few meet continues in our meeting. Our meetings are usually programmed but the few unprogrammed meetings bring out responsibility and concerns in each of us. Business meetings are held regularly and the needs of the meeting taken up. To make the Meeting a better way of worship for all, especially young people, is always unfinished business. Missionary meetings are held each month. Study has made us aware of the needs of friends around the world. Fellowship in the Meeting, and for friends of the Meeting, has been found in social times based on travel pictures, music, and poetry.

Dover Meeting is held in the old Meeting House, and a vital core of active members attend. Friends are individually active in many phases of Friends' work, serving on Yearly Meeting committees, and carrying out the concerns of the Yearly and Quarterly Meetings.

FALMOUTH QUARTERLY MEETING

The six meetings comprising the Falmouth Quarter seem to show a similar state of condition as that of last year. The rate of membership decline for the last three years has been 3, 7, and 5% (percent). It continues to be difficult to fill committee and representative openings. At least two Monthly Meetings rarely find it possible to send representatives to Quarterly Meeting. Only three of the Monthly Meetings appear to be active in Yearly Meeting activities. Some Meetings, while offering a degree of worship facilities to their local communities, provide but little in the area of Quaker testimonies. Two of the Monthly Meetings hold only sporadic meetings for worship -- usually in the summertime. Two of the Meetings rarely hold business meetings.

On the more positive side there has been some social concern felt. Certain Meetings have joined hands and jointly worked on American Friends Service Committee projects, providing clothing for Algerian children. The fact that this Quarter was united in expressing its concern over the widespread sale of war toys especially at Christmas time, shows that there is a latent spiritual concern present. It is prayerfully hoped that more similar Christian concerns might be developed and that the Falmouth Quarter might again become an instrument of God's will and help to establish God's Kingdom on Earth.

NORTHWEST QUARTERLY MEETING

Throughout the Northwest Quarter there is evidence of change and spiritual growth. Although Burlington Meeting feels greatly the absence of many members who are serving Friends' concerns in other areas, the depth and quality of each member's life is evident in many ways. Their Young Friends work camp included twenty university students. The members meeting in Plainfield are considering their readiness to become a Monthly Meeting. Their Bible study group, and their radio script project continue. All members are employed in work of social significance and concern, and several members are active in politics. They are concerned about the quality of their Meeting for Worship because it does not seem to be deeply inspired.

In Bennington almost every family has been tried by personal pain or loss. And because they have shared each other's personal burdens, there has been a deepening of their spiritual fellowship, and an increased desire for spreading open the spectrum of their understanding of one another. While absorbed in discovery of each other, they also are seeking ways to respond to the on-goingness of the personalities and good work of past members -- Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Dorothy Allen, and Bradford Smith. The Worship Group in Putney is developing strongly. Their weekly discussions, held every Sunday before Meeting, are reaching each person deeply. This strength is evidenced by the fact that they are considering Preparative Meeting status under Bennington Meeting.

In Hanover the vocal ministry and the silence have a live quality that speaks of a feeling of expectancy. A monthly rotation of teachers in the First Day School allows many to share in this service. Members cooperate in several projects of local church groups as well as being active in Yearly Meeting, American Friends Service Committee, Friends General Conference, and Friends Committee on National Legislation. Meeting for business is a challenge requiring great effort toward love and unity -- without consistent quality -- but in a way which reaches toward the Spirit. In their meeting they find their strength. The Worship Group at Colby Junior College is showing greater strength and now have meetings every week.

May the Spirit continue to lead us to greater fellowship and concern.

RHODE ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

During the year we have welcomed visitors who were seeking a religious fellowship which could speak to their need. We have felt a deep concern to grow in grace ourselves, so that we might speak to their condition, as opportunity opens. We find it a continuing problem to make the occasions when casual acquaintance can change into meaningful communication on eternal matters.

As the love and intimacy between the members deepens, the hour of worship becomes more meaningful, and the faith that sustains us can be shared by those attenders who are attuned to our spiritual climate. Vocal ministry marked by a faith in divine guidance and a concern that we may go forth with renewed courage and wisdom to serve our fellowmen is noted. Although widely scattered in our week-day lives and pursuits, warm fellowship after each meeting reflects an affectionate drawing together of members, bound one to the other by a common spiritual experience.

Westerly welcomes attendance by summer visitors and Friends from other meetings. North Dartmouth reports a small but growing group of members and attenders, and Providence notes the continuing attendance of boys from Moses Brown School and girls from Lincoln School.

SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

In summarizing the individual spiritual condition reports of the Monthly and Preparative Meetings that make up Salem Quarterly Meeting, there is found an overridin spirit of not only accepting challenge as it is found, but an eagerness to seek out further challenge.

The members of Amesbury Monthly Meeting, while few in number, recall the Lord's parable of the mustard seed, and are conscious of unity and spiritual growth in meeting for worship and business. Members strive to meet the present challenges while remembering the lessons of the past. The Meeting is mindful of its responsibility to the wider Quaker outreach, including Friend's missionary and service work here and abroad. Members face the future of opportunity with faith in God and trust in the Indwelling Christ.

Cambridge Meeting continues to grow in all respects. Spiritual growth is evidenced by worshipfully offered messages which are often of a depth that befits communion with God. Its physical growth and wide geographical distribution offers Cambridge Meeting a unique challenge. The watchful care by the Meeting of the Cambridge Friends School, the several Preparative Meetings, as well as the parent Meeting at Longfellow Park affords Cambridge Meeting with an opportunity of committed service. While members of Cambridge Meeting feel a need to prayerfully consider the most appropriate use of committed Friends and Meeting resources, the Preparative Meetings prayerfully grow.

Friends at Acton have a feeling of communion and fellowship on a deeper level as a result of discussion groups following Meetings for Worship. In Framingham, where Meetings are held in Friends' homes, there is a feeling of continuity of harmony and worship which sustains Friends in their walk of life. While there are few to meet at Pembroke, Friends wish to continue as a worship group, alternately attending Meeting at Hingham. Friends at Hingham have found that through shared worship they gain strength and guidance to keep in perspective the concerns and problems of the world, which threaten to dominate their thinking. Friends at Beacon Hill feel that a small worship group should prove to be a stimulating experience, and challenged by what a Meeting for Worship can be in bringing people into deep communion with God and man, are urged on in their efforts to deal with their many difficulties toward achievement of a spiritually richer life.

Friends in Lawrence are seeking the way of a non-pastoral Meeting after having been accustomed to a pastoral Meeting. Friends hope to meet this challenge with a deepening of their spiritual experience and growth. Many members are active in community and Council of Churches work. The Meeting's Elizabeth Fry Circle continues its active support of missionary and American Friends Service Committee work.

Friends at Lynn often feel the nearness of the Spirit during Meetings for worship inspired by the soul searching messages of James Howard of the American Friends Service Committee. Lynn Friends are represented in the Lynn Council of Churches, the WCTU and other groups. Members feel that Quakerism depends upon living the Christian life, and that individuals must seek for a living experience with God, endeavoring to live the faith in a practical manner.

Friends at Wellesley Meeting feel that meeting together for worship is just one form, but an integral part, of their total religious expression and experience. Meetings for Worship give frequent evidence of openness to the Spirit of God in their midst, both in the deep stillness, and in the shared messages that arise out of the earnest seeking of members. If, as a Meeting, they wish to grow in spiritual strength, they feel there needs to be a constant, prayerful attempt to put their faith into practice. They feel that they need to ask themselves: What is the role of a Friends Meeting in the world today? What steps should be taken to assume this role most effectively? A quote from Wellesley's report states that, "The Spirit is at work in our Meeting. We must believe in it, want it, ask for it, accept it, and act on it."

These are some of the challenges which member Meetings, and individual Friends of Salem Quarterly Meeting meet and accept. May it be our prayer that we will be given divine guidance to answer the greatest challenge of all, "Follow me."

SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING

Spiritual growth within Sandwich Quarterly Meeting is consistent though not outstanding as evidenced by the reports from the individual Meetings. All are holding services of Worship either regularly or occasionally. Most Meetings have ministers but follow a simple form of Worship where time is given for meditation and soul searching with opportunity for Friends to speak to their concerns.

Most of the Meetings are made up of older members whose deep and abiding faith and works keep the Meetings alive. Some are fortunate in having a Young People's group and an active Sunday School. Changes have taken place in the leadership of three Meetings while others have maintained their same status. All are earnestly working to do God's Will in their communities and to stand for what is right in a world where day by day it becomes increasingly difficult to take a "stand" and "follow through." With God's help may we carry on.

SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING

Small attendance, in relation to reported membership, at meetings for worship, continues to be a problem. Many are active in "outside activities" of the Church (that is, outside of the Meeting), but may also be conspicuously absent from weekly religious services. To the visitor seeing the small attendance, the spiritual condition might seem quite low, but in fact it may be higher than it would appear on the basis of numbers alone.

In Worcester strength and growth are evident through an increase in activities and discussion groups; an adult group has been studying the revised Faith and Practice to develop deeper insight into the meaning of membership. Out of this has developed a Sunday evening Bible Discussion group. Young Friends have been more active in committees and monthly meetings, and attendance at seminars. Many of the meeting members have worked together on the renovation of the Center, contributing generously of time and effort in a common project. Through a mutual concern, joint projects have been presented with the Pleasant Street Meeting; such as the regional American Friends Service Committee meeting.

Both Meetings suffer from too little participation by members in unprogrammed worship. There is also a limited participation of the Meetings in "Outreach" except through individuals interested in areas of Friends testimony, such as social action, race relations, Missions and overseas work and with the Five Years Meeting. There is a crying need for more commitment and involvement in the life of the Meeting, and in the Outreach which testifies to and demonstrates our fundamental beliefs.

VASSALBORO QUARTERLY MEETING

This summary is based on reports from four of the six monthly meetings which constitute Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting. China and Oak Grove Monthly Meetings did not make reports. Much of our effort may be honestly characterized as consumed in maintaining familiar institutions -- carrying on the mechanics of church life -- yet there are certain developments within the Quarterly Meeting which indicate a willingness to experiment, and give promise of spiritual renewal.

Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, which has had the service of a nearby Baptist minister, used his recent extended vacation as an opportunity to try a semi-programmed type of worship. Friends from outside the Meeting have been helpful in this venture, but the leadership and cooperation of the local members in both the programmed and unprogrammed parts of the Meeting have been the key to the success of the experiment.

Winthrop Meeting notes the attendance of eight young Friends at Yearly Meeting in 1964 -- the largest group to attend from Winthrop since the strong youth program of the Yearly Meeting at Ocean Park, Maine. The young people have been active also in a youth choir, and in helping with a summer vacation Bible school, and were hosts to a Young Friends caravan. Winthrop and North Fairfield Meetings both make use of pastors on a part-time basis, and both feel that they are fortunate in the quality of leadership provided. North Fairfield notes also the helpful vocal participation in meetings for worship of members and visitors, in addition to the regular messages by the pastor.

During 1964 the Quarterly Meeting made a venture of faith in organizing a new monthly meeting at Camden, Maine, knowing that the number of prospective members was smaller than usual for such a step. The wisdom of a longer period of nurture and testing before setting up a new meeting became evident when half of the persons who had made the decision in 1963 to ask for the formation of a monthly meeting subsequently failed to bring their membership to it or to continue to attend meetings. Camden

Friends believe, however, that the meetings for worship have ministered to the needs of certain summer residents of the area, and, with the prospect of some new members, hope yet to become an established meeting.

The work of Harry and Anne Smith in the vacation Bible school program was much appreciated in this Quarterly Meeting; North Fairfield in particular urges the Yearly Meeting to continue this activity as a valuable means of outreach to the local communities.

STATISTICS

This year's Statistical Reports show a net gain in the Yearly Meeting membership of 2 members, making a total of 3284 members. There were several small errors in last year's printed report and after these corrections were made the Quarterly Meetings had the following gains or losses:

Connecticut Valley	gained 9	Northwest	gained 7	Sandwich	lost 9
Dover	lost 4	Rhode Island	gained 4	Smithfield	lost 6
Falmouth	lost 18	Salem	gained 34	Vassalboro	lost 15

The full report will be presented at the Yearly Meeting sessions.

Louis Marstaller

MOSES BROWN SCHOOL AND LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

With the dedication of the Waughtel-Howe field house on May 22, 1965, the first major phase of the Moses Brown building program was completed. This building, named in honor of two outstanding track coaches, both still very much alive, who served Moses Brown for many years, is a wonderful addition to the school. But we can feel even more satisfaction in the contribution that Samuel Waughtel and Warren Howe have made to the development and the lives of many hundreds of boys over the years.

The year 1964-1965 has been a most satisfactory one in both schools. Each school has its problems, but under competent and understanding leadership, both schools have come through with excellent records of accomplishment. Mary Schaffner and William Paxton have both merited our highest praise and confidence. We regret that Robert Whitaker's term as President of the Lincoln School Board of Trustees is completed, but at the same time we look forward to working with Thomas Perry, Jr. as the new President. Edwin Krause remains as the President of the Moses Brown Board of Trustees for the next year.

In the report last year, the Clerk gave some estimates of the operating deficit expected for this school year for Moses Brown. Fortunately, his estimates proved to be in error. With careful planning and budgeting, tight controls, and skillful administration, Moses Brown finishes the year slightly in the black. This was no mean achievement and most of the credit must go to the Trustees, to William Paxton, Headmaster, and to John Stinchfield, Business Manager.

Gordon Davis, the new Headmaster for Moses Brown, will be in Providence during the summer and ready for the new school year in September. We look forward to days of growth for both schools: growth in meaning and value to the communities they serve; growth in a greater realization of the central goals of Friends' education; growth in cooperative efforts to develop the finest in character and leadership in the outstanding young men and women who attend our schools.

Willard Ware, Clerk

INVESTMENTS AND PERMANENT FUNDS COMMITTEE

The Committee on Investments and Permanent Funds has met with its investment counsel at ten regular monthly meetings during the past year. The Treasurer's financial statement for the calendar year 1964 and the auditor's report of Christiansen & Co., certified public accountants, are submitted herewith and are available for those interested. The Committee has accepted as a separate trust the funds of the Lincoln School Foundation.

Because of the high market, profits have been taken in some common stocks and the proceeds are held in high yielding corporates, in treasuries, and in savings banks. On the funds affected by these transactions there will be some increase in income on original cost, and the relative percentages in common stock holdings have been reduced.

In January, through the Yearly Meeting office, your Committee sent a letter to each Monthly Meeting describing in some detail the activities of the Committee. A copy of this letter is included with this report.

L. Ralston Thomas, Chairman

Copy

January 1965

To the Monthly Meetings

Dear Friends:

The COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS AND PERMANENT FUNDS is appointed by the Yearly Meeting to provide for the investment and care of the funds of the Yearly Meeting, of the two Yearly Meeting Schools, and of any other Yearly Meeting committees with endowment or other monies for investment. The services of this Committee are availabl also to Monthly and Local Meetings, and to any of their committees.

The Committee on Investments and Permanent Funds consists of ten members. It meets with its professional financial adviser each month (usually omitting August), with a record of excellent attendance. Purchases and sales of securities are authorized only when there is general approval, and care is exercised to invest in securities of those companies whose projects Friends generally would approve.

Our transactions are conducted through a local broker, and the securities held by the Industrial National Bank of Rhode Island as agent. When funds or securities are transferred to us, they are placed on our books at their market value the day the bank receives them, with power in the Committee, in its discretion, to sell, invest, and re-invest. On proper authorization any fund in the care of the Committee may be withdrawn at any time. Additions to the pooled funds already established can be accepted in any reasonable amount. In the case of new funds of less than $5000 in value to be invested separately or those for which care over a period of five years or less is desired, deposit in savings banks would be more appropriate. The income from investments will be paid to the person designated to receive it within thirty days after the end of each quarter.

After the close of the calendar year our accounts are audited professionally and the report of the auditors and our own financial statement are submitted to the Yearly Meeting and are available for examination by members of the Yearly Meeting.

This statement has been prepared to answer questions which any one may have about the activities of the Committee on Investments and Permanent Funds. If additional information is desired, please communicate with the Chairman or with any other member of the Committee.

L. Ralston Thomas, Chairman
Committee on Investments & Permanent Funds

EQUALIZATION FUND COMMITTEE

1964

	Number	Amount of Aid
Adults	5	$ 100.75
Young Friends	31	548.50
Juniors	32	478.50
	68	$ 1,127.75

Eunice Strobel and Maud Smith, Co-Chairmen

STUDENT LOAN COMMITTEE

The Student Loan Fund, first established in 1898, is available to members of New England Yearly Meeting for education at the college level or for work in professional or summer schools. Only on rare occasions and with the approval of the committee have loans been granted to Quakers outside of New England Yearly Meeting.

At the present time there are seven outstanding loans, one of these being new since June 1964. During the past year three additional loans have been repaid in full. All interest has been paid to date and in the case of four of the present loans modest payments have been made on the principal. The financial condition of the fund is found in the report of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

Florence M. Selleck

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The Social Concerns Committee held five meetings of the full committee during 1964-65, including a joint weekend retreat at Woolman Hill with the Peace Committee. In addition, a sub-committee was active in making plans for the Conference on Moral Responsibility, which was held in Cambridge, Second Month 13, 1965.

The Conference on Moral Responsibility was one of three major activities for the year. The keynote speaker and leader of one of the discussion groups was Samuel Levering, chairman of the Five Years Meeting Board on Christian Social Concerns. Over seventy adults and a number of children attended the conference, which centered its attention on forms of non-physical violence, on integrity in business and public life, and on family relations.

In the year just past it was inevitable that race relations would be a major concern of the committee. Efforts were made to encourage Friends to attend the National Conference of Friends on Race Relations in Richmond in Sixth Month 1965. Assistance was given to the Joint Committee of New York and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings in their program of rebuilding burned out churches in Mississippi. After the murder of James Reeb in Selma, Alabama, the committee made a contribution to the cost of answering all the mail which came to Mrs. Reeb. At the same time, letters were written in the committee's name to the President and Attorney-General of the United States urging that the rights of all citizens to vote, to petition the government for redress of grievances, to assemble peaceably, and to move on the public highways in safety from assault be protected.

The third major activity was to plan for a worship-workshop at Yearly Meeting. The program centered on our responsibility to the poverty-stricken and culturally deprived citizens in our prosperous nation and in the world.

Poor attendance at committee meetings was a handicap to the work of the committee.

Gordon Browne, Chairman

PEACE COMMITTEE

The Peace Committee, aware of the particularly critical world situation, has attempted to address itself to those areas of crisis impinging upon our peace testimony. This year it has seemed to the Peace Committee that the problem in Vietnam and the equally pressing problem of political deterioration at home was such that we could best address ourselves to these crises in particular, as well as to the general implimentation of the peace testimony in our monthly meetings and in our individual lives. In addition to a letter and a telegram to the President of the United States calling attention to the violence being directed against American citizens as well as against our human brothers elsewhere in the world, the Peace Committee made every effort to communicate the dangers inherent in a political morality of "government by persuasion," rather than government by consensus. This aspect is the moral deterioration consequent upon acquiescence in evil, the evil of disenfranchisement and economic second-class citizenship at home and the use of violence to achieve our ends abroad.

Persuant of these objectives, the Peace Committee made a $50 contribution to the Friends Committee on National Legislation and is considering two $25 scholarships for youngsters to attend China Camp and the American Friends Service Committee High School Institute. The scholarships are to be awarded at a later date as names are still being presented to the chairman.

Again this year, the largest project was the overseeing of the Witness for Peace conducted near the statue of Mary Dyer at the State House in Boston on Friday, April 16, 1965. The many Friends who gave of their time and efforts helped again to make the Witness a success. It was felt that the Witness achieved its major objective which was a public prayer witness after the manner of Friends. The weather was good and the press coverage was very good. The signs, which dealt with the Vietnam crisis as well as with the traditional Quaker peace testimony to the world, seemed to be especially effective. 150 persons participated, most of them for the entire five hours. It was recommended and approved that the Peace Committee ask the Yearly Meeting to sponsor the Peace Witness next year as it did in 1964.

The chairman of the Social Concerns Committee, Gordon Browne, requested on behalf of his committee that the Peace and Social Concerns Committees be reunited. This was approved by the Peace Committee and also by the Executive Council. Therefore

it is hoped that the combined committee can in the coming year carry out a constructiv and dedicated program in these areas for the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends. The Worship-Workshops at Yearly Meeting will have Charles Harker as a resource leader. The focus will be on "the implications of disarmament." It is hoped that the implications on all our lives of disarmament and the consequent dependence upon adherence to non-violence would be clearly explored.

Although the task has proved to be much greater than our resources during the past year, it is felt that the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, addressing itself to the complicated problems of peace through the Peace Committee and through individual witness, has at least recognized and begun to act upon the central concern of all mankind - a world at peace in which all men are brothers.

George Rae, Chairman

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF JULY 14, 1965, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS

1. The meeting opened at 8:00 p.m. with a period of silent worship and the reading of the third query, on business meetings. Attendance then was 7.

2. The minutes of the business meeting of June 9, 1965, were read.

3. Francis Holmes read the attached report on the Fifth Biennial National Conference of Friends on Race Relations. The report was accepted and it was suggested by some that its contents be sent to the National Conference planning group.

4. Francis Holmes reported on the "Southern Negro Student Project". The 2 descriptive mimeographed sheets attached to these Minutes were distributed. Persuant to Minute 17 of June 9, 1965, a committee of citizens of Amherst and vicinity has been formed, comprising Ethel Dubois, convener, Thomas Madigan, secretary, Frances Crowe, Francis and Becky Holmes, Nelson Woodfork (appointed by the Amherst Human Relations Council), John and Mildred Spencer (Amherst chairmen of the Fresh Air Fund's Friendly Town Program), and Robert Domina (appointed by the High School). With the cooperation of the High School principal and the School Superintendent, the proposal to the Amherst Regional High School Committee led to a waiver of the $850 tuition for one trial year for one student. Francis and Becky Holmes have applied to be a host family, have been visited by an A.F.S.C. representative, and have heard by phone that they were approved and that the student has been tentatively assigned.

The meeting approved becoming the official sponsoring organization for this committee and it requested the Finance Committee to consider and report at the next Monthly Meeting for Business on how the Meeting can best go about guaranteeing a $400.00 reserve fund. The Treasurer is requested to accept and hold any gifts of money designated for the use of this S.N.S.P. local committee.

5. The Fosters' travelling minute was returned and circulated.

6. A travelling minute was received from the University Friends Meeting of Seattle, Washington, for William and Margaret Hummon and their children, who will be in our area for several years.

7. The next Yearly Meeting will be at the University of Massachusetts on June 21-26, 1966. We have not as yet been asked to undertake particular responsibilities.

8. Joseph Havens read the attached annual report of the Student Outreach Committee. In addition, discussion showed that regular weekly transportation pick-ups are scheduled on First Days in each of the towns of South Hadley, Northampton, and Amherst. These many activities reported upon were complimented by the Meeting. Volunteer adult helpers are welcomed. Suggestions were solicited for further activities, especially on the University campus, and many ideas were advanced. Joseph Havens described the Protestant religious counsel available at the University. He would like to work in cooperation with these men. Recognizing that Joseph Havens is co-convener of the Student Outreach Committee, the Meeting approved that he work with them as the way opens, as representative of this Meeting.

9. The foregoing Minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

10. Steve Fletcher reported that the fence is being put in for the children's play area. The Meetinghouse sign has been built and probably is now being painted.

11. It was proposed that a Fellowship Meal be held before the Business Meeting, and urged that any device that might improve attendance should be tried. The Meeting

approved that families wishing to have a pot-luck supper before the Business Meeting may use the Meetinghouse for this purpose, and those persons will be responsible for cleaning up afterwards. A more formal arrangement can be set up later if this proves desirable.

12. The August Business Meeting is cancelled, unless need arises to call a special meeting.

13. We are Quarterly Meeting hosts on October 3rd. The possibility was discussed that Frances Crowe's postponed plan for a program about racial relations at the October 1964 Quarterly Meeting be used this year (September 1964 Minute 7). Other possible speakers (e.g.,Steve Cary, about Viet Nam) were mentioned. The Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel will meet Saturday, October 2, and we have already decided to offer overnight hospitality (May 1965 Minute 3). Woolman Hill may or may not be available that weekend. It was agreed that we preferred to use our Meetinghouse, now that we have one. John Foster agreed to serve as Convener of the physical arrangements committee for this Quarterly Meeting (food, lodging, announcements), and Joseph Havens will cooperate with Frances Crowe and others on the Program Committee to explore possibilities of a program in connection with the meeting. At the September Monthly Meeing this committee will bring a report on its plans, including program theme and other details.

14. The Clerk read an announcement of a Friends Meeting for Worship at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire, on August 1, 1965, at 5:00 p.m., which urged Friends to attend. This has been posted on the bulletin board. Friends who plan to go are asked to write to that effect on this notice.

15. The Clerk announced that the July Meeting of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel is cancelled.

16. Thomas Crowe raised the question of cleaning of the Meetinghouse and care of grounds (see March 1965 Minute 16). It was agreed to put this question first on the September agenda. Until then we shall use the presently assigned families, with the clear understanding that Friends who feel unwilling to perform this service are not expected to. (See September 1964 Minute 4, paragraph 2).

17. The foregoing minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

18. The meeting ended at 10:50 p.m. with a brief period of silence. Maximum attendance was 11. Final attendance was 10.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Holmes

Francis W. Holmes, Recording Clerk

Names of those present at the meeting at one point or another, recorded counter-clockwise:

Stephenson Fletcher
Joseph Havens
Bruce Hawkins
Becky Holmes
Georgana Foster
Trevor Robinson
Francis Holmes
John Foster
Thomas Crowe
William Hummon
Margaret Hummon

REPORT TO THE MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS.....July 13, 1965

The opportunity to participate in the Fifth Biennial National Conference of Friends on Race Relations proved an extremely rewarding experience. A micro-bus-load of 6 New Englanders (Stephen Curwood, Anne Foster, June Holt, John Kellam, Helen Peabody, and Francis Holmes) went together, leaving in Amherst a car from Providence and a car from Boston. Close, continuous contact among this biracial group permitted us to come to think of one another as close friends, to the exclusion of even any recollection of race except when deliberately dwelt upon, by the time we had travelled 2 days westward and 2 days eastward. We had the further advantage of each one knowing 5 others on arrival, too. This making of cross-racial friendships was itself worth the entire effort of the conference, and so the conference itself was pure profit.

The basic pattern of the conference was that of lecturer/audience relation for 3 or 4 lectures per day plus daily meetings of randomly-appointed discussion groups. Probably the large number of attenders (about 150) prohibited any closer relationship than a question period after each lecturer. But, good as some of the lecturers were, your representative found again the highest benefits to lie in personal contacts made outside lectures. This could be accomplished by eating each of one's meals at a table with a different group of persons than any other meal, and always seeking to fall into conversation with someone of another race. Exchanges of personal experiences in these conversations were casual and free, sometimes heart-warming and sometimes heart-rending, but always too elaborate for a short report like this. .A few will be mentioned in the verbal report.

The lecture pattern was based not merely on race* relations but on either 3, 4, or 5 revolutions, depending upon the speaker. [*In this conference, "race relations" evidently always meant Negro-white relations, since orientals were neither present nor mentioned.] Essentially, interest was divided among: (a) racial relations, (b) automation and cibernation's effects upon employment and poverty, (c) nuclear weapons' effects upon peace and war in human relations, (d) the population explosion and its consequent problems, and (e) the requisite moral revolution to solve the other problems. Some speakers tried to "integrate" all these problems into one exposition, but most fell back upon separate discussions of each and more-or-less emphasis on the one of greatest interest to the speaker. Since your representative had applied and was sent because of an interest in racial relations, he felt that this procedure vastly over-expanded what could be discussed to any useful depth in a 3-day conference. In particular, he was disappointed in the first talk he ever heard by A.J.Muste, and in the theological approach of Paul Peachy of the Church Peace Mission in Washington, D.C. He was most enthusiastic over the vigorous approach, extent of personal commitment, and dedication to non-violence of C.T.Vivian, an assistant to Martin Luther King,Jr. He was entranced and enthralled by James Nicholson's story of the inner struggles by which he overcame his own southern background to use his Methodist pulpit to testify against the actions and attitudes of those southerners (including some of his own white Mississippi congregation) who by violence of word or deed opposed the Negroes seeking to enter white colleges. Details from other speakers' talks proved valuable, for example the study made by the Planned Parenthood Federation which showed that approximately the same size family is desired by young parents, regardless of income level or race.

The conference prepared, through its discussion groups and in 2 general sessions, a statement of its conclusions and a list of proposed types of action to enhance racial harmony. This will be published and distributed, and when it arrives in Amherst it will be brought to the attention of the Monthly Meeting and a copy placed in the Minutes together with the present report. This statement, in the opinion of your representative, tended to be made too conservative due to the large size of the group (among whom some could be found to object to almost any strong statement), and also

tended to devote too much of its attention to matters of war, peace, population, economics, automation, etc., to the point where race relations were sometimes disregarded. Granted that all of these things interact, nevertheless so do many other factors interact and it is highly appropriate, as the original title of the conference implied, to subordinate all related factors to one central theme, discussing the other themes only as they affect the one.

In summary, the conference as an inter-racial experience had a profound and powerful effect on the thoughts and feelings of your representative, so much so, indeed, as far to outweigh any deficiencies in its background planning.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Holmes

Francis W. Holmes

SOUTHERN NEGRO STUDENT PROJECT

The Southern Negro Student Project is a very small but effective attempt to bring to promising young people, thwarted by the doctrine of the separation of the races, the fullest development of their gifts.

The American Friends Service Committee, through its New York Office, has for the past several years arranged for Negro students from segregated schools in the South to spend two years studying in high schools in the North. These students live with Northern families. We hope in this way to achieve two things:

1) to give an opportunity to study in an integrated situation in the North to students who show leadership ability, so that they may be better prepared for and more easily accepted into colleges of high standards. We hope that some of these young people may in time be leaders in furthering understanding between the races.

2) to gain for ourselves and our communities an experience which will increase our understanding and deepen our involvement with the human community.

HOST FAMILIES

We are looking for families with an interest in young people and faith in their local schools and communities. There is no set pattern of physical or financial requirements. Arrangements for each student and family must be made on an individual basis according to specific needs.

LOCAL SPONSORING GROUPS

Because of the highly individual nature of the relationships between the students and the host families, we plan to enlist the assistance of a local sponsoring group in each case. These groups may consist of community organizations, parents' groups, Friends' Meetings, church groups, etc. It will be the responsibility of the sponsoring group to help make arrangements; to help obtain and act as steward for funds when necessary; to offer advice, counsel, and friendly assistance throughout the year or two of the sojourn.

SUGGESTIONS AND GUIDE LINES IN THE FORMATION OF AN SNSP SPONSORING COMMITTEE

1. It's good, although not absolutely necessary, if the committee can stem from a larger group which will provide general, and perhaps financial, backing; e.g., a Friends Meeting or another religious or civic group. In such cases, while the nucleus of the committee should come from the group, others may also be added if it is felt desirable. In all cases, the committee should have some degree of homogeniety and should consist, to as great a degree as possible, of people the host family has known for some time and feels comfortable with and has confidence in.

2. The committee should choose a convener and agree to meet regularly with the host family; the frequency of the meetings may vary from situation to situation and may change during the course of the year. Frequency is not important; regularity is.

3. One of the first jobs of a sponsoring committee (if the host family has not already done it) should be to establish contact with the school which the student will attend, to interpret the program to at least the principal and the guidance counselor, to resolve the tuition question, and to insure that the student will be placed in the 11th grade. Staff and/or committee members should assist in this if called on to do so.

4. The committee should also have in mind a reserve family in the same community, a specific family who could be called on to give the student a home in the event of an unforseen happening in the situation of the host family; such a family should be part of the sponsoring committee.

5. Depending upon the financial circumstances in the individual case, the committee may want to create a reserve fund of approximately $400. on which they can draw in times of necessity. In some cases, all or nearly all of this will probably be used; in others, it may scarcely be touched, or perhaps not at all. In cases of a committee stemming from a meeting or other group, this fund might well be provided by the group; in other cases, some fund-raising may need to be done by the sponsoring committee.

6. The chairman or convener of the committee should get the names and addresses of committee members to staff for office records and mailing list.

7. The committee should assist the family in preparation of the community and the school for the coming of the student. This should be done largely by word of mouth, particularly by encouraging future classmates of the student to write to him before he leaves home. It can also be done by getting an article in the local newspaper interpreting the project and mentioning the student. It might also be arranged to have an article in an early issue of the school newspaper; both of these articles should stress project interpretation rather than the student, for some of the students shy away from being put too much in the lime-light.

8. It is most helpful to have an inter-racial committee, particularly in areas where there is a very small Negro population and where the host family and the sponsoring group and committee is largely - or all - white.

9. One of the main functions of the committee during the student's stay should be to make the situation as independent and self-sustaining as possible. A committee can have many functions and individual functions will certainly vary from situation to situation, but one of the most important should be to be available for guidance and support to the host family.

10. Perhaps equally as important, or nearly so, should be the introduction of the student into organizations and phases of community life in which the host family is not involved. This is equally important for both the student and the community, for it broadens the impact of the project on both.

Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends

Report of the STUDENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

July, 1965

The most important ingredient of successful Quaker work with college students is adult members with some connection with the college or university who are willing to assume responsibility for program. Fortunately we have had such people at three of our four institutions, and a contact person at the fourth. The result has been two active groups (Mt. Holyoke; Smith-Amherst) and the beginnings of a third at the University of Massachusetts. In addition to these separate group meetings, which will be discussed below, we had a four-college meeting in September--a "report meeting" for students engaged in summer projects--and a picnic at the Johnson farm which included representatives from most of the colleges.

1) Mt. Holyoke Group: This group has adhered more closely to Friends' procedures than the others, conducting necessary business, and holding a full hour of worship followed by discussion and supper at each monthly gathering. Some topics of discussion were work camp experience, the peace problem, demonstrations and civil disobedience. These meetings have been attended by relatively few students. There have also been weekly Quaker-group meals in the dormitories. These meals were preceded by a 45 minute meeting for worship at Eliot House; these were small but usually vital meetings. The group has struggled to discover purposes for itself within the college setting which would appeal to a larger number of students.

2) Smith-Amherst Group: Following [illegible] reports fairly successful meetings, these groups met monthly at the home of a Meeting family for a pot-luck supper, followed by half-an-hour's worship and a discussion. Topics of the latter have included overpopulation, [illegible] communities," and meaning of commitment. One meeting's discussion was opened and led by Milton Mayer. Students seem to have appreciated the presence of two or three or more Meeting couples at these gatherings. An attempt was made to hold a

work-
one-day retreat at Woolman Hill, but it was attended by only two students. The problem was apparently inadequate planning and publicity.

3) Frances Crowe: The Mass program was launched with a discussion meeting in the Amherst Union led by Milton Mayer. It was followed several weeks later by [illegible] as mysticism, biological evolution and the spirit, the nature of Spirit. In the early spring a small group of eight or ten persons--both students and older people--began to meet weekly to explore more deeply the meaning of Spirit. However the group dwindled in size and eventually [illegible]. There was considerable interest evinced at these meetings, but the irregular attendance indicated that we have not yet found the "formula" appropriate to the University. Usually there were only short periods of silence at these meetings, and no systematic interpretation of Friends' point of view was undertaken. In general we were concerned to interest "seekers" and students interested in the connection between experiential religion and social action rather than members of Friends Meetings as such.

For next year we plan again to begin with a "report meeting" for the four colleges; in addition Woolman Hill has been reserved in late October for a retreat for students from the four colleges. We may experiment with bringing a few University students into the Smith-Amherst group; there may also be an opportunity to work with the wider Protestant program on the University campus.

We ask that the same membership be continued for next year, except that Frances Crowe replace Elizabeth St. Clair.

We ask that $25.00 be made available for the committee's expenditures during the coming year.

Already approved for this month

Joseph Havens

Michael Rice

Co-convenors

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1965, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASS.

1. The meeting opened at 7:53 p.m. with a period of silent worship and the reading of the fourth query. Attendance then was 20.

2. The minutes of the business meeting of July 14, 1965, were read. Spelling was corrected in Minute 8.

3. Steve Fletcher reported on the operation during the past year of the volunteer system for cleaning of the Meetinghouse. Many spoke favorably of this system. It was suggested that keys be more readily available and that the work list be mimeographed so each family can have one. Persons or families who do not wish to help clean the Meetinghouse need not feel obligated and will not be kept on the list. Families who wish to help clean, but need help, are welcome to hire assistance. In cases of sickness or other emergency, much or all of the cleaning can be skipped for an occasional week. In case of emergency, the Convener of the Meetinghouse Committee is authorized to hire maintenance work at his discretion.

4. The foregoing minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

5. The Meeting approved that a key to the Meetinghouse be issued by the Convener of the Meetinghouse Committee to anyone whose responsibilities require it.

6. Joseph Havens reported on the Quarterly Meeting program, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes. John Foster listed the needs for more persons to help and then compiled a list of volunteers for these jobs.

7. One of the Fosters and Steve Fletcher will be our representatives at Quarterly Meeting for Business. They were requested to present to the Quarterly Meeting our Minute on the place of business in the Quarterly Meeting (November 1964 Minute 10; see also December 1964 Minute 5 and March 1965 Minute 8).

8. The finance Committee recommended that excess money under cumulative items in the budget no longer be cumulative but be placed in the contingency fund, so that this might serve as the $400.00 reserve fund for the Southern Student Project. The Meeting asked for a report on what money has accumulated and in which funds it accumulates; also, what moneys are earmarked by their donors. Feeling was expressed that the Meeting should consider what should be done with unexpended money in each of our budget categories. The Finance Committee was asked to seek further for other means to establish the $400.00 reserve fund.

9. The Clerk read a letter from Vincent Newton, now of Los Angeles, requesting transfer to the Los Angeles Monthly Meeting (Westwood Preparative Meeting), and requesting that he continue to receive the NEWSLETTER. The Meeting approved both his requests.

10. The foregoing Minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

11. It was proposed that a subscription price of $1.00 per year be established for NEWSLETTER recipients who are non-resident non-members. This matter was not resolved because of the difficulty of deciding who should pay and who not.

12. The Clerk reported upon a Minute of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel over concern that has been expressed about non-attendance by some of the teen-agers present during the Meeting for Worship, and about audibility in the Meeting for Worship of all conversations held outside the Meetinghouse. It was urged by some that such matters be handled only by direct discussion between those individuals troubled and those individuals who have offended them, and not be handled by discussion in the Monthly Meeting for Business. Others felt that it is within the Monthly Meeting's competence to discuss the actions appropriate to all who come to the Meetinghouse. A distinction was drawn between socially disturbing behaviour and the principle of the value of attendance at the Meeting for Worship. A proposal was made that a joint meeting be scheduled by the Religious Education Committee, of concerned adults and concerned teen-agers, to discuss these and related problems, and to report to the Monthly Meeting.

13. The Meeting approved a travelling minute for David Holden for his forthcoming trip to Mexico.

14. Margaret Holden brought to the Meeting's attention the attached publicity of the National Committee on Tithing In Investment. It was posted on the bulletin board.

15. Joseph Havens announced the first 4-College student meeting here at the Meetinghouse on Sunday, September 26, for a pot-luck supper and reports on summer activities.

16. The foregoing Minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

17. Minutes of the 1965 Yearly Meeting were distributed to those present.

18. The meeting ended at 10:27 p.m. with a brief period of silence. Maximum attendance was 26. Final attendance was 25.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Holmes

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk

[Names of those present at the meeting at one point or another, recorded counter-clockwise as seen from the Recording Clerk's table:]

John Zahradnik	Allison Kaufhold	David Holden
Bryce Ford	Fritz Kaufhold	John Foster
Bob Myers	Trevor Robinson	Steve Fletcher
Anne Agard	Francis Holmes	Susan Fletcher
Ellen Agard	Helen Griffith	Joseph Havens
Phyllis Agard	Page Bancroft	Lucia Havens
Miriam Zahradnik	Margaret Hummon	Becky Holmes
Georgena Foster	William Hummon	Frances Crowe
Robert Agard	Margaret Holden	

AN EXPERIMENTAL TWO DAY QUARTERLY MEETING

"Quarterly Meeting takes too much time – a whole day"

Before

Unspoken thought: Nothing ever happens there - I never get deeply acquainted with anyone. It isn't worth my time.

"That day and a half at Quarterly Meeting seemed much too short!"

After

Unspoken thought: People didn't h old back in those conversations about despair and the end of the Western era in Asia and the answers that are"blowing in the wind!" I began to get really acquainted.

WHAT: CONNECTICUT VALLEY QUARTERLY MEETING
WHEN: Two days - October 2nd and 3rd, 1965
WHERE: The new Mt. Toby Meetinghouse, Leverett, Mass.
About three miles north of North Amherst on Route 63 on the left (west) side of the road just before crossing over a railroad bridge.
AIMS: To become more deeply acquainted with one another
To discuss together a matter of critical import to all of us, with someone with new information, and among ourselves.

PROGRAM

Saturday, October 2nd

2:30 pm Talk and discussion by Russell Johnson, Peace Secretary of the New England AFSC; also recently returned from three years in India and Southeast Asia. Focus: What's Going On In Asia and How Does It Affect Us?
3:45 Discussion in small groups with carefully selected leaders
6:00 Pot Luck Supper (Teenagers see below)
7:45 Further discussion in small groups
After supper: Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel
9:00 Relaxation, strenuous and otherwise (especially folk dancing and folk singing)

Overnight in the homes of local Friends or family camping at the meetinghouse

Sunday, October 3rd

Leisurely breakfasts in Friends' homes
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
11:45 Singing
12:30 pm Dinner in the Meetinghouse
2:00 Quarterly Meeting Business Session

(see next page for more details)

CHILDREN

1. Our very much alive teen-age group (ages 12 to 17) will host your teen-agers. Some will probably participate in the Saturday discussions; others may want to join the Saturday afternoon hike for kids. Special meeting afterwards including supper and overnight in the Zahradnik's barn (Bring your own sleeping bag or blanket roll - an air matress would also feel good. Folk dancing with rest of group on Saturday evening. Discussion group on Sunday morning.
2. Planned recreation for school-aged children on Saturday afternoon; specially planned classes on Sunday morning
3. Child-care for preschoolers Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

HOUSEKEEPING DETAILS

1. Bring a covered dish, salad, or desert to the pot luck supper on Saturday. We will supply beverages.
2. We will serve dinner on Sunday for a modest price.
3. Overnight hospitality in the homes of local Friends will be arranged for all who request it. PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR NEEDS BY SEPT. 25th by sending in the tear sheet below. If you plan to camp at the Meetinghouse, please so indicate on the tear sheet when you send it to us.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING IS PLANNED AS A UNIT: Russ Johnson's talk on Saturday Afternoon will set the stage for the weekend. Please experiment with us.

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please tear off and return the following completed form before September 25 if you plan to attend any part of Quarterly Meeting

1. Name and address: _____

2. Number from my family planning to come on Saturday and to stay overnight on October 2nd. Adults: _____
   Children: _____
   Please check one of the following:
   a. We would like to stay overnight in the home of a local Friend. _____
   b. We plan to camp at the Meetinghouse. _____(Please plan to provide your own breakfast)
3. Number from my family who will purchase dinner on Sunday at noon.
   Adults: _____
   Children: _____
4. For First ~~Day~~ Day School Committee.
   Names and ages of children who will attend on Sunday morning.
   Name Age

Please return this tear sheet before September 25th to:

John H. Foster
RFD 3
Amherst, Mass. 01002

Dear Parent, Date: 8/30/02

Your return slip is due back by Tuesday September 25th to:

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If you believe in equal opportunity in housing Speak up!

Congressman Donald M. Fraser
1914 Connecticut Ave.
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Dear Congressman Fraser:

I agree to become a sponsor of the National Committee on Tithing in Investment... a proposal based on the idea that one's investments can be an eloquent voice for housing integration. I understand there is no obligation, save belief in the idea.

Signature_____

Print Name_____

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Please send me_____copies of this advertisement. $_____enclosed.

ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS AD: 10 FOR $1.00, 100 FOR $5.00, 1,000 FOR $25.00. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO NCTI.

Many Americans want open occupancy in housing, but only a few of us in our daily lives can take the time and trouble to work for it. We are caught in what Life Magazine has called **"the terrible silence of the decent."**

The following proposal—Tithing in Investment—is based on the idea that one's investments can be an eloquent voice for integration. In just a few months—and with very little promotion—this plan has attracted nearly 3,000 sponsors. They include churchmen, educators, congressmen, businessmen, authors, union leaders, lawyers, economists, artists, entertainers and many others. The list grows longer every day.

Money talks. If you want your money to speak for your beliefs, you will want to consider this proposal for Tithing in Investment.

What Is Tithing In Investment?

It is investment by individuals or by nonprofit institutions of about 10 per cent of their available investment capital in housing that is open to all. The National Committee on Tithing in Investment (NCTI) will serve as a clearinghouse for information about such investments. Organized as a non-profit agency, NCTI will not invest. But it will alert individuals and non-profit groups to investment opportunities in equal housing.

NCTI will bring together investors of good will and housing professionals who are committed to open occupancy. In this way the investor will gradually build up a "tithing portfolio," consisting of investments favorable to open occupancy housing. Such a portfolio might include equity in a real estate investment trust or a partnership owning apartment houses, mortgages, securities of development companies, and deposits in commercial or savings institutions.

In addition, NCTI intends to undertake or sponsor research and education concerning institutional investment policies. Such a program might suggest, for example, ways in which those policies could be altered to effect a lessening of neighborhood tensions, reduce prejudice and discrimination, and promote civil rights secured by law.

Is Fair Housing Good Business?

As with all investments, there is risk in open housing. But in our judgment there are many sound investment opportunities in this field; and these opportunities may multiply as NCTI's success encourages builders and developers to open their housing to everyone. However, NCTI will not advise investors on the financial soundness or safety of the investment. That is clearly the responsibility of the investor's broker or banker. NCTI will provide information on the social soundness of the investment—that is, whether the company's selling and renting policies are in line with the investor's own convictions.

What Good Will It Do?

Plenty! There is today a tragic shortage of capital available to developers and apartment house owners who wish to practice equal housing. The consequences are all too clear: each year about 1.5 million new family units are built, nearly all of them on a "de facto" segregated basis. And each year we get larger "black belts" in our cities and larger "white belts" in our suburbs.

One clear way to reverse this trend is to pour investment capital into equal housing. The money is available. Think what a tremendous difference it would make if the churches, the colleges, the labor unions and the foundations earmarked a small portion of their investments for equal housing. Not to mention the millions of additional dollars in pension funds, trust funds and individual portfolios!

What Can You Do To Help?

You can become a sponsor of NCTI. This does not obligate you to contribute money. The only commitment you make is to the idea of Tithing in Investment. If you want to contribute money to be used for this educational work, wonderful. We can use it. There are other ways to help, too:

Seek sponsors—especially among people who invest capital either personally or through their roles in churches, pension funds, foundations, universities and labor unions.

Be on the lookout for ways that you can influence investment policies: as a college alumnus, as a bank depositor, as a church member, as a member of any board, and even as a voting citizen with a stake in the administration of municipal and state pension funds.

Spread the word about NCTI. Send us names of concerned friends so we can send them material on tithing. And order reprints of this ad for friends (see coupon).

Send us names of brokers, bankers, persons holding investments and non-profit groups who believe in equal housing. Help us to build a national list of friendly investors and investment agencies.

And Send Us The Coupon

Right now send the coupon enrolling yourself as a sponsor. Send it today, whether or not you choose to send money as well. Tithing in Investment is one important and practical way of breaking "the terrible silence of the decent." You can speak up for equal housing. Do it now.

"We cannot keep our moral convictions in one pocket and our thoughts and actions about business and politics and social order and justice in another pocket quite apart."
BISHOP ARTHUR LICHTENBERGER
PAST PRESIDING BISHOP, EPISCOPAL CHURCH, U.S.A.

"The Tithing in Investment movement can be part of the great social revolution now taking place. Not all of us can go to Mississippi to register voters but we can act boldly to end the insufferable restrictions in housing. We must act now, as one Mississippi student volunteer has said, to do something about 'the closed society.'"
CONGRESSMAN DONALD M. FRASER
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MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 1965, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASS.

1. The meeting opened at 8:00 p.m. with a period of silent worship and the reading of the first query. Attendance then was 16.

2. The minutes of the business meeting of September 8, 1965, were read.

3. Apropos of Minute 11 of September 8, 1965, it was pointed out that non-residents who receive the NEWSLETTER usually have sent a contribution to the Meeting treasury.

4. The transfer to our Monthly Meeting of Curtis Allen Johnson, Myrtle Belle Rust Johnson, and their children, Glen Walden Johnson and Flora Emira Johnson, from the Wilmington (Delaware) Monthly Meeting was approved and they were welcomed into our Meeting with pleasure.

5. Joseph Havens reported impressions on Quarterly Meeting. Attendance was about 140, including about 35 teen-agers. Russell Johnson's discussion was most successful. A complimentary letter was received from another Monthly Meeting. The advantages of overnight guests for inter-family fellowship were stressed. Particular appreciation was expressed by the Meeting for the work of all those involved with planning, preparing, and carrying out that Quarterly Meeting. Reports have been submitted in writing by several persons, and will be held in a folder as guidance for those involved in Quarterly Meeting programming the next time we are hosts.

6. A request was read from the Clothing Committee for a sewing representative for next Tuesday, October 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. [LATER NOTE: None was obtained thus.]

7. Phyllis Agard reported for the Religious Education Committee on the Teen-agers/Parents Meeting on Saturday, September 18. The evening discussion was followed by an overnight camp in the Meetinghouse. Many were grateful that feelings were expressed more openly than is usual. The desirability of further such meetings on various subjects was urged by some that night and also by some at the Business Meeting. The Meeting left it for the Young Friends to initiate a proposal for a second such meeting, including what topic they would like to discuss. [It was directed that a copy of this Minute be sent to the Young Friends.]

8. Barbara Gilbert reported that the Yearly Meeting Young Friends group thinks very highly of our lively Young Friends group. The Yearly Meeting group will hold a Christmas vacation retreat on December 28 and 29, 1965, at Woolman Hill.

9. Joseph Havens commented on the natural change in the personnel of the Young Friends group, necessitating a "continuing dialogue" between the Monthly Meeting and the Young Friends. Membership of the First Day School class for teen-agers and of the Friday night "skimp-supper" group overlaps but is far from identical. Prolonged discussion arose over how adult members of the Meeting can participate in and maintain contact with the latter group and achieve awareness of the subject matter of its discussions. The adults who plan to be present at the meeting next Saturday are: the 2 Leonards, Bruce Hawkins, and the 2 Agards. An attendance then of 20 teen-agers is anticipated. After a variety of opinions was heard, the Clerk stated that the sense of the meeting regarding the responsibility of the Meeting towards this group is that the Meeting provide no direct and overt leadership but that it do provide the guidance inherent in participation in the group by parents. It was then suggested that, in a general way, the Meeting does

bear some relationship to this group, since the group's plans are sometimes made in place of other First Day School class subject matter. Occasional NEWSLETTER news items or occasional comments in the Monthly Meeting on the activities of the Friday night group would be welcomed, but no deadly routine reports are solicited. Concern was expressed that our natural interest not be interpreted as "the heavy hand of the Monthly Meeting coming down upon the teenagers." The work of Bruce Hawkins, Peggy Holden, the Leonards, Phyllis Agard and Joseph Havens in their friendly liason with this group is much appreciated by the Monthly Meeting.

10. The foregoing Minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

11. Need was pointed out by Nancy Rice for an Adult Forum or other meeting outside of Business Meeting to cover various subjects including the concerns of the teenagers, e.g. sex. The Meeting approved the formation of this adult discussion group, to meet initially Sunday evening, October 24th, at 8:00 p.m. at the Meetinghouse. John Zahradnik agreed to serve as Convener.

12. A report on organization of the First Day School was presented by Phyllis Agard. The Religious Education Committee's second meeting this fall is next Thursday.

a. Nursery, for ages 0 through kindergarten (8 to 14 children) has a full-time paid babysitter [Leslie Arnold] and one mother volunteer each week. Children have juice and crackers, outdoor play in the fenced yard. In this group there is no formal attempt at religious instruction.

b. Ethel DuBois, with from 8 to 10 First and Second graders, covers many topics suggested by the Friends General Conference, especially: (1) Bible backgrounds old and new; (2) Quakerism, Christianity and world religions; (3) preparation for worship; (4) relationships with others: service and social concerns; and (5) the wonder and order of the universe.

c. Nancy Rice, with 6 Third and Fourth graders, for 2 months exactly, covers the relationships between birth and death and between both of these and the universe and God as its creator. She announced that a replacement teacher is needed as of November 1st.

d. John Foster, with from 3 to 9 Fifth and Sixth graders, covers early Quaker history with some reading, some discussion, and some model making.

e. Bruce Hawkins, with from 10 to 20 Seventh through Twelfth graders and college freshmen, dealing with people in the process of becoming adults, starts discussions on the subjects with relation to which the class has strong feelings, notably what is wrong with the world. He has in mind trying discussion also of what they like.

[LATER NOTE: The total number of children in the preceding classes is from 35 to 59.]

13. To further the coordination of any given child's experience in our First Day School, John Zahradnik proposed that a journal might be kept with 1 sentence per class per week, telling what was covered and who attended. Phyllis Agard reported that Religious Education Committee minutes, and teachers' annual reports, have been kept, although the notebook containing the latter is temporarily mislaid. Some teachers have also kept attendance records. It was suggested that the Library could provide an accessible and fairly secure place for a copy of Committee Minutes and Reports.

14. John Zahradnik suggested that the First Day School classrooms be labelled (Note: without thumbtacks) for the sake of strangers arriving.

15. The foregoing minutes were read and then approved.

16. Robert Myers reported for the Finance Committee (cf. September 8, 1965, Minute 8). Records on cumulative funds go back to 1957, first as an Emergency Fund, later as a Contingency Fund; also a Scholarship Fund. As of May 31, 1964, the known statuses of such funds included:

First Day School	$17.61
Library	33.28
Scholarship	100.00
TOTAL	$150.89

The Finance Committee considers a budget neither an appropriation nor a limitation but rather an estimate. At one time it was considered that anything left in any fund went into the Scholarship Fund. The Savings Account total now is $508.00, of which $357.11 [$508.00 minus $150.89] is presumed to be the remains of the Contingency Fund. The Finance Committee proposes that this constitute the Southern Student Program reserve fund and that after the Southern Student Program activity is concluded, all accumulated funds be merged into our total budget and there be no further cumulative funds but only items budgeted each year. Fritz Kaufhold recalled that the Emergency Fund had been established and used occasionally in the past for emergency needs of persons in the meeting. It was felt that money could be raised when needed henceforth for such a need. The Meeting approved the proposals of the Finance Committee, with the understanding that if any budget item is to be greatly exceeded the matter should come before the Meeting.

17. Georgana Foster announced, for the Outreach Committee, that the HOLYOKE TRANSCRIPT has been given permission to come and do a story about our Meeting. They attended the Quarterly Meeting, and have asked for and been provided with background books. cc: G. Foster

18. The Outreach Committee is considering preparation of a new DIRECTORY of the Meeting, perhaps somewhat simplified because of the greater size of the Meeting. The DIRECTORY details were left to the Committee and its coopted volunteers.

19. The Clerk announced that we are invited to open houses at the new Lutheran Church in Amherst next Sunday, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.; and at Framingham Preparative Meeting October 31 for Meeting for Worship at 3:30 and fellowship hour at 4:15 p.m. Friends who plan to go to Framingham were asked to notify the Clerk.

20. Miriam Zahradnik announced a square dance at her barn, to which teenagers of the Meeting and others who like to square dance are invited, Saturday, October 30, at 8:00 p.m. cc: M. Zahradnik, M. Holden, J.

21. Margaret Holden announced that there were 11 adults and about 30 students at the 4-College meeting sponsored by our Student Outreach Committee. The next such meeting will be a retreat at Woolman Hill on Saturday, October 30, at 4:00 p.m., until Sunday, October 31, at 4:00 p.m., to continue discussing their experiences this past summer, especially the religious bases of and implications in social effort. cc: M. Holden, J. Havens, M. Zahradnik

22. The foregoing Minutes were read and then approved.

23. The meeting ended at 11:07 p.m. with a brief period of silence. Maximum attendance was 23. Final attendance was 11.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk

[Names of those present at the meeting at one point or another, recorded counter-clockwise as seen from the Recording Clerk's table:]

Robert Agard
Ethel DuBois
Phyllis Agard
Joseph Havens
Anne Levinger
Georgana Foster
Curtis Johnson
Thomas Crowe
Myrtle Johnson
Barbara Gilbert
Alta Mae Reber
Miriam Zahradnik
Robert Myers
John Zahradnik
Fritz Kaufhold
Allison Kaufhold
Bruce Hawkins
Nancy Rice
Trevor Robinson
Francis Holmes
Helen Griffith
Margaret Holden
Stevenson Fletcher

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 1965, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASS.

1. The meeting opened at 7:56 p.m. with a period of silent worship and the reading of the second query, on meetings for worship. Attendance then was 6.

2. The minutes of the business meeting of October 13, 1965, were read.

3. It was pointed out that Bruce Hawkins, David and Julie Leonard, Joseph Havens, and Phyllis Agard attended the Friday night group's meeting of October 16, 1965 (see October 13, 1965, Minute 9). cc. B. Hawkins, D. Leonard, B. Hawkins

4. The Nominating Committee submitted and the Meeting approved the following names:

(a) to add to the Outreach Committee:
Margery Bancroft
John Gilbert
George Levinger
Ruth Ann Reber

(b) to replace David Holden on the Nominating Committee:
John Foster cc. M. Agard, G. Foster, + the 5 persons named.

5. Georgana Foster presented the attached report of the Outreach Committee, containing a number of proposals for action by the Business Meeting.

6. All persons now on the Meeting Directory list have now been contacted. As soon as the postcard replies arrive, the Directory can be issued. Since labor will be contributed, the present edition will not require a price. cc. G. Foster

7. Georgana Foster read a letter from Lois Winchester of the Great Barrington Meeting. During the winter, while Adele Wehmeyer is in Philadelphia, their meetings will be held in the Clarkes' home. cc. G. Foster

8. Francis Holmes proposed that he establish a notebook of photographs to be provided by anyone associated with our Meeting, for reference by those who have not successfully correlated certain names and faces of those who participate in the Meeting. This was approved. cc. F. Holmes, G. Foster, K. Myer

9. Prolonged discussion ensued as to how best to welcome new attenders at the rapidly expanding Meeting for Worship without embarrassing either casual visitors or those who have attended a good many times. cc. G. Foster

10. It was the sense of the Meeting that attenders as well as members of the Meeting be encouraged to attend and participate in our Monthly Meeting for Business. The NEWSLETTER Editors are requested to publish this note from time to time and the Clerk is requested to announce it when he announces forthcoming business meetings. cc. G. Foster

11. The Meetinghouse Committee has given responsibility for the organization of the office to the Clerk, who has accepted it. cc. S. Fletcher

12. In behalf of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, Margaret Holden requested the loan of any recent letters from non-residents associated with our Meeting, for use in an enlivened program of correspondence with our non-residents. cc. M. Holden, G. Foster

13. The Clerk read a call from the Friends Coordinating Committee on Peace in the effort to arouse Quaker witness in connection with current wars, especially the one in Viet Nam. They requested that Meetings report to them any actions undertaken, including any of 8 suggestions in the letter. John Zahradnik suggested that an adult forum meet the second and fourth Sunday evenings of each month for discussion of problems of war and peace, to mesh with the present schedule of the Adult Forum meetings on first and third Sundays. In answer to this urgent call, Leone Barron agreed (in cooperation with other interested Friends) to convene an exploratory meeting of a Peace Forum on November 28th, to seek ways the Meeting may best respond to the problem of Viet Nam. She will take especial care to include the young people in this discussion. cc. J. Zahradnik, L. Barron, R. Agard Previously.

14. The Clerk called to the attention of the Meeting the Friends World Conference (F.W.C.C.) in 1967, at Guilford, North Carolina. We are asked to submit a nomination, to be included in the list considered by the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee in determining their nominations. Elwood Reber told some of the activities and advantages of participation in the Friends World Conference. The Meeting approved sending the names of Joseph Havens, Elwood Reber, and John Foster, if these persons agree. cc. E. Reber, J. Havens, J. Foster

15. Ethel DuBois reported on the recent state-wide weekend workcamp at her home. Participants were 16 young people plus Polly and Dick Clin, leaders, plus Rosalie Hill and Jane Firey of the A.F.S.C. William White was the outside resource person for the evening meeting. During the past year, Ethel DuBois's barn has been being remodled by a series of groups from Amherst, Holyoke, and vicinity, for a ~~conference~~ center devoted to nature and recreation. The center has already come into use by local groups. Many of the community centers in our area are closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Future work camps are contemplated. There were 45 applications for the 16 places in the recent A.F.S.C. workcamp. The Meeting approved letting such a camp, on this coming weekend, use the Meetinghouse facilities, under the leadership of the Dietrichs, of Boston. The work campers are Senior High School students. The Meeting commended Ethel DuBois for this worthwhile activity. cc. E. DuBois, R. Agard

16. The Clerk showed a book, NEW ATLANTIC HORIZONS, by John Wedd, given by the publisher [Random House] to our Library. Our meetinghouse is pictured and described therein. If enough persons in the Meeting wish to purchase a copy, they will receive a discount. Names may be given to the Clerk. cc. R. Agard

17. The Clerk read the following Minute from the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel of October 19, 1965:

> "Ministry and Counsel recommends to the Monthly Meeting a 'Retreat' to be held at Woolman Hill in late January, the 28th-29th. The purpose of the 'Retreat' is to come to know one another on deeper levels and thus grow into closer fellowship. Also to assimilate new members and attenders into our fellowship. If acceptable to the Monthly Meeting, Ministry and Counsel [sic!] will make the arrangements."

Margaret Holden commented further on the need for this adult weekend. It was pointed out that families with children, including many new members, will mostly be prevented from coming, but that the idea would be valuable to whoever can come. The Meeting approved that Ministry and Counsel investigate, possibly by issuing an announcement soon to see how many people will sign up by a deadline early enough to permit a cancellation if too few can come. Alternatively, a series of evening meetings was suggested, like those last year, to which parents of small children might come for a few hours at a time, under normal babysitting arrangements. The use of a meeting camp in Ontario was described, by which families with young children achieved such a fellowship. The possibilities of teen-aged and of adult babysitters for [Ministry and Counsel's] 'Retreat' were discussed. cc. M. Holden, A. Foster, F. Crane

(deletion authorized in Jan. 12, 1966, Minute 28)

18. The issuance of an announcement in the SPRINGFIELD UNION from "the local office of the American Friends Service Committee," under an Amherst byline, was questioned. The Clerk explained that the UNION would print an announcement that the A.F.S.C. wished printed, deploring the stand against people who oppose the draft, only providing it had a local name, and so Trevor Robinson let it go to the SPRINGFIELD UNION as an item received by our Meeting and released by us to the press. cc. G. Foster, P. Woolbridge.

19. Margaret Holden announced that the South Valley Preparative Meeting will meet this Sunday for Meeting for Worship at 4:30 p.m. and a picnic supper at 5:30, at Helen Griffith's home. All are welcome. [i.e., November 14, 1965] cc. M. Holden

20. Margaret Holden announced that the following Sunday [November 21, 1965] at 5:30 p.m. the Four-College Student Group will meet in Amherst. cc. M. Holden

21. Stevenson Fletcher reminded Friends of the work group at the Meetinghouse starting at 10:00 ~~a.m.~~ the following morning [November 11, 1965]. cc. S. Fletcher

22. The foregoing Minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

23. John Zahradnik reported that he has completed a draft of an article about the Meetinghouse, for submission to the FRIENDS JOURNAL. After approval by others on their committee, appointed last spring for this purpose by the Meeting (see January 13, 1965, Minute 7), it will be sent to the FRIENDS JOURNAL. A second possible place suggested to publish it is QUAKER LIFE. The suggestion was made that it be published first in FRIENDS JOURNAL and later sent to QUAKER LIFE. J. Zahradnik

24. The meeting ended at 10:30 p.m. with a brief period of silence. Maximum attendance was 15. Final attendance was 15.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Holmes

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk

[Those of those present at the meeting at one point or another, recorded counter-clockwise as seen from the Recording Clerk's table:]

Leone Barron
Margaret Holden
Stevenson Fletcher
Mistar Comfort
Georgana Foster
Patricia Langford
Phyllis Agard
Alta Mae Reber
John Zahradnik
Elwood Reber
Miriam Zahradnik
Trevor Robinson
Francis Holmes
Helen Griffith
Ethel DuBois

Outreach Committees October 13, 1965

As the outreach committee did not report this summer, I have asked to report for them now, and to tell you what wehave been trying to do this fall. There was no convenor for the committee during the last year, but they carried on with the most pressing business; now I am trying to have us pick up some things it has not been possible to do before.

First of all, we have only three members on the committee, as two have resigned and one is a correspondent in Great Barrington. The nominating committee hasn't reported success in fulfilling our request for more members. I will mention as I go along, specific places we need assistance.

Outreach is not an entirely satisfactory name in describing what we do on this committee. Whedo try to reach out into the community with publicity to attract new people to our Meeting, and we try to make them feel welcome when they come. But the student outreach committee does this for students, and Ministry and Counsel is responsible for nurturing members, Program committee to help us grow in knowledge and have fellowship. So this effort involves our whole meeting)not excepting religious education which is reaching out to our young people) We also do things which might becalled simply communications, for the benefit of our present membership group.

Specifically we have been working on three things: "the public area" of the Meetinghouse--bulletin board, pamphlets, guestbook, greeting newcomers; publicity in local newspapers and other places, and the Meeting Directory.

On the first,--the Meetinghouse lobby--there is not unanimity among our members as to whether we should use the area fully to communicate in words to people, or whether a calm,beautiful setting should be created. In other words should our schedule be in the middle of the bulletin board, or kept far to the right, should the pamphlets be behind the door and above eye level. However, that may be, Peggy Holden is presently carrying out the responsibility for this area. Friends should feel free to put things on the bulletin board, and the library table, but the committee will take the responsibility for the all over arrangement and limiting exposure of material. Unless the library committee objects, we will keep at eye on the table in the library and remove things to the library committee sorting box, so they can decide whether they want to file them. I have noticed that no one seemed to have been doing this job, as there got to be a clutter of things so great that it was difficult to notice anything.

I think thatnewspaper clippings about Friends concerns, activities of Friends in the Meeting, letters to editor are interesting things for the bulletin board. The "today's program" is most useful. We will maintain the pamphlet case.

In the publicity area we are trying to put notice of our Meeting in as many public places as possible. Where newspapers require that the notice be put in every week, we have not been able to cover every paper and could use a volunteer for the Hampshire Gazette to do what Philip Woodbridge does in Greenfield--send a card each week. We have tried to discover all the Directories which have church listings. I recently got the Amherst Chamber of Commerce booklet after it went to press to correct the information that we meet at the Grange. But in many cases we have to wait until next spring to correct information which is sometimes five years old, If you know of places we have missed, please let us know. The student outreach committee should tell us if all student handbooks, etc. arebeing covered.

I am sending articles about special activities in the Meeting, such as about Quarterly Meeting to four area papers, Greenfield Recorder, Amherst Recorder, Holyoke Transcript and Hampshire Gazette. They all printed the last article in toto. In fact, the Holyoke Transcript proposed to do an article about the Meeting sometime in the future, with a full page of pictures, and sent two reporters to Quarterly Meeting for background information. Previous contacts with Friends in South Hadley had to lead to their interest. I tried to answer reporters questions about Friends practices and beliefs in an hour session with them, which is very difficult. I hope Friends approve of my decision to allow them to do this article. I do not know just when and how they plan to do it; but I hope, that without being insincere, we can act and talk in a way that will help them to do an interpretation of the Meeting which we all can approve of. year to be useful.

As the outreach committee did not report this summer, I have asked to report for them now, and to tell you what we have been trying to do this fall. There was no counterpart for the committee during the last year, but they carried on with the most pressing business; now I am trying to have us pick up some things it has not been possible to do before.

First of all, we have only three members on the committee, as two resigned and one is a correspondent in Mount Berrington. The nominating committee hasn't reported success in fulfilling our requests for more members. I will mention as I go along, specific places we need assistance.

Outreach is not exclusively publicizing even in descriptive phrases on this committee. Whole effort to weave our into the community with publicity to attract new people to our meetings, but we try to make them feel welcome. But the student-oriented committee does this far better, and Outreach is responsible for entertaining speakers, programs, and things we do to give knowledge and have fellowship. So this effort involves our whole meeting(not evangelical religious education which is reaching out to our young people). We also do things which might benefit simply communities, for the benefit of our present community group.

Specifically we have been working on three things: the public area"--bulletin board, pamphlets, posters, greeting newcomers, publicity in local newspapers and other places, and the Meeting directory.

On the first--the bulletin board--there is not much for me to say except as to whether we should use the area fully to communicate in words to people, or whether a calm, beautiful setting should be created. In other words should our pamphlets be in the public area, or in the office for us to give out? I should not personally be in the public area, but I should like to see the public area used more than it is. Mary Holden is presently carrying out the responsibility for this area. Perhaps she should feel free to put things on the bulletin board, and the library table, but the committee will take the responsibility for the all area otherwise. Either the literature-committee or Outreach will be responsible for the literature on the table, so that we can be sure that the literature is appropriate. Perhaps we can have a box for suggestions, so that we can get a sense of what people want. We have been doing this, so that we can get a sense of what people want. We have been doing this, so that we can get a sense of what people want. We have been doing this

We hope the article for the Friends Journal has been completed. My committee would suggest that it be sent also to the Quaker Life magazine.

The question of whether we should have paid advertisements in any Friends magazines or local newspapers isone we have considered before. If the Meeting would like to discuss this again, we could get some of the cost figures. The committee has not had time to consider the matter thoroughly.

When we bring inquirers and Friends from other Meetings who have moved to our area to our Meeting for Worship, then we have a second outreach role to play, which can only be done satisfactorily if everyone in the Meeting is concerned to greet newcomers and make them feel welcome. I have had two disturbing indications that itis hard for us to do this. Two members of other Friends Meetings who are new to our Meeting have told me that they (1) did not feel very welcome when they attended the business meeting and (2) that they not think we did enough of making new attenders feel welcome by finding out who they were, etc. On the first I suggest that when people are interested enough to come to the business meeting, we might consider introducing them the first time they come. But I do think these comments are something we should all think aboutseriously. If it doesn't get done if left to individuals maybe we need to have some official greeters, although I realize this has not been approved of in the past. Perhaps Ministry and Counsel could appoint one of their members for each First Day, to supplement the efforts of my committee. I realize the reasons why this is difficult to do. I myself feel cheated out of precious opportunity to talk to frinnds and find out what they are doing, and this is an almost equally important part of our fellowship. I also realize that if I listen in depth to people, as Friends exhorted us to at the last Meeting for Worship, that I talk to, at most, two people, and this time of the year, there are often five or six people new to me in one Meeting.

The other thing we are busy with on Frist Day is business with other Friends. One very small suggestion I have for facilitating this would be to have mail boxes in the office for each committee, in which mail and notes could be left. I assumed this was part of our original plan for the office, and as things are not piling up on the office shelves in a way which is most unuseful in helping us to keep track of things, I think someone should give some thought to organizing the office for storage of written materials.

The third concern of our committee is with the Meeting Directory. At present this is a difficult problem for us. After a three year lapse, and for the first time without Helen Griffith's help, the Directory needs revising. Helen was willing to give the time, and had the scholarly touch which has made our Directory a masterpiece with five or six pieces of information about each family entered. The amount of chrrespondence, checking and research necessary to bring the 160 names up to date and add more, has appeared so formiable to us that we would like to propose a more limited kind of Directory.

If we feel that the purpose of our Directory is mainly to help Friends working and attending our Meeting to contact others and to know them and their families, we can have a Directory of about 60 entries. This would include all our resident members and active attenders. We would still keep on our mailing list for the directory all the equal number of other families on our list which include our non-resident members, non resident former members, member of other Friends Meetings who live in our area, but do not take part in Meeting, associatemembers, students, etc. We might maintain a file of these addresses at the Meetinghouse, so that anyone interested could get the current addresses of these people.

However, here tofore, our Directory has also been synonomous with our mailig list and with our Recorders list, and it has seemed to my committee that perhaps to simplify our task we could make this sort of a practical scaled down list. I feel it is important to put a good deal of work on getting our new attenders in the Directory, so people can know them.

Also, as I have pointed out, we need more people on our committee. If we were to try to get out the former type of Directory, I fear it would not be available to you until too late in the year to be useful. Georgana Foster

MT TOBY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Nominating Committee Report 11/10/65

The Nominating Committee submits the names of the following Friends to serve on the Outreach Committee. Each has consented to serve.

Marjorie Bancroft
John Gilbert
George Levinger
Ruth Ann Reber

In view of the absence of David Holden, the Nominating Committee recomends that John Foster be named to replace him on the Nominating Committee. John Foster has consented to serve.

For the Committee

Robert M. Agard
Convenor

AMHERST MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 1965, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASS.

1. The meeting opened at 7:57 p.m. with a period of silent worship and the reading of the third query, on meetings for business. Attendance then was 10.

2. The minutes of the business meeting of November 10, 1965, were read.

3. It was pointed out that the Clerk did not know where the Springfield Union got the article referred to in Minute 18 of November 10, 1965. Furthermore, the words "conference" in Minute 15 and "a.m." in Minute 21 were striken out. cc. T. Swinton

4. The new Directory was distributed to those at the meeting. Payment of the costs of stencils and paper were approved by the Meeting. The Meeting approved also that copies be mailed to any on the list who cannot pick up copies at the Meetinghouse.

5. The Clerk passed around a reprint of the article in the FRIENDS JOURNAL about the Meetinghouse Fund, which includes a paragraph about and a picture of our meetinghouse. cc. S. Fletcher, T. Zakrzewski

6. Leone Barron reported on the Peace Forum held November 28th [cf. November 10, 1965, Minute 13]. Many young people were among those who attended. Many suggestions were made. It was agreed [by those who attended Nov. 28th] that another meeting was needed. ~~Many~~ Suggestions made there included: the proposal that Peace Forums be held regularly, the showing of films, the posting of notices on bulletin boards, and announcements in the NEWSLETTER. The next meeting will be next Sunday night, December 12, here. Frances Crowe expressed the value of the meeting to those participating, who share the odium cast by the community upon those who work for peace in time of war. Leone Barron reported that many who went from the general Amherst community to Washington wish to act further and may well come to further meetings here. The Meeting approved establishment of a regular Peace Forum, if said group decides it wishes to be such. Further actions by the Forum in the name of the Meeting, or proposed for action by the Meeting, should be based on bringing the Forum's suggestions to the Meeting for business for approval there. This does not restrict individual action. Leone Barron agreed to convene the second Peace Forum meeting, with the understanding that she would not be obliged to serve thus thereafter, and the Meeting approved. cc. L. Barron, T. Zakrzewski, F. Crowe, P. Woodbridge

7. Twenty or more from our Meeting were present at the Washington March for Peace. Total attendance has been variously estimated from 25,000 to 50,000. The Clerk and Treasurer requested ratification of their decision to help support the young people who attended from our Meeting. Due to special contributions received, totalling $45.00, this decision in the end cost us only $5.00. This payment from our Contingency Fund was approved. cc. T. Swinton, B. Gilbert, P. Woodbridge

8. The Clerk has received a letter from Thomas Fonda of the Amherst Jaycees, seeking contributions towards a Christmas train of goods for distribution by American soldiers to the village people of Viet Nam. It was agreed that our Treasurer collect, by a Christmas deadline, special contributions to be sent to the American Friends Service Committee for relief of war-harmed persons, and that we inform the Jaycees that this effort by us has been inspired at least in part by their commendable concern for the well-being of civilians in war-ravaged areas, with which we are in sympathy, but that we prefer to channel our efforts through the A.F.S.C. (which is already in Viet Nam) because it seems inappropriate to channel such aid through the military. The Meeting ~~xx~~ dictated to the Clerk many phrases for this letter. cc. T. Swinton, P. Woodbridge

9. It was also discussed whether or not the Clerk should compose a text for a public statement about what the A.F.S.C. is doing to help in Viet-Nam and about our concern to contribute thereto.

10. Frances Crowe reported that the Amherst United Church Women group is concerned over the prevalence of war toys this Christmas.

11. The Meeting is entitled to have a representative on the Amherst Council of Churches. Miriam Zahrednik and Russell Brooks reported on the Amherst Council of Churches' work in religious education during "released time" from public school. Miriam Zahrednik volunteered and was appointed to represent us in the Amherst Council of Churches and to investigate and report to us upon costs, time of their meeting, and other matters of interest to our Meeting. Others who may wish to represent us in other towns' Councils of Churches are welcome to apply to the Monthly Meeting for appointment.

12. Frances Crowe brought to the Monthly Meeting the concern of Caltha Crowe that the Meeting provide information to young men in the area on the possible positions to take with regard to the draft. F.C.N.L. and C.C.C.O. literature are available. The Student Outreach Committee and the Program Committee were asked jointly to consider and take appropriate actions to implement this concern, and they were encouraged to call upon anyone in the Monthly Meeting for assistance. The advantages of widespread local publicity for meetings are called to the attention of these Committees. A study group for how to fill out CO applications proved useful during the Korean War. Ethel DuBois said that George Bliss has had great practical experience on this subject. Russell Brooks expressed the feeling of need of many adults of the Meeting for a briefing session or training course on how best to act as counselor when suddenly called upon by young men in need of advice along these lines. Others urged that High School guidance counselors and local ministers and youth workers be invited, too. A two-session meeting (one for counselors and one for counselees) here with George Bliss is recommended by the Monthly Meeting to the Student Outreach Committee and Programm Committee.

13. The Library and Outreach Committees are asked jointly to establish a special shelf of literature about conscientious objection to military service.

14. Frances Crowe brought a proposal from the Program Committee for a New Year's eve party for fellowship and worship at the meetinghouse, like that of last year. Expenses were handled adequately then by contributions of those who attended. A folk-dance caller is being sought outside the Meeting, but some dances may be led by persons in our Meeting. The Meeting approved going ahead with this plan.

15. The Clerk called attention to the new mailboxes in the library, for the Meeting's committees. The NEWSLETTER Editors are asked to announce in the Newsletter that Committee conveners should check their boxes there regularly.

16. The Clerk announced:

a) a Quaker conference (A.F.S.C.), December 10-11, in Cambridge, Mass., on SOCIAL REVOLUTION - WORLD IMPERATIVE - PEACEFUL OR VIOLENT.

b) Pendle Hill's Midwinter Institute, December 30-January 2, Wallingford, Pa.

c) the Washington Quaker Leadership Seminar, January 24-27, by the Board on Christian Social Concerns of the Friends United Meeting, formerly Five Years Meeting.

17. Philip Woodridge read a postcard from Martha Mercier, now back in Ann Arbor, Michigan, requesting withdrawal of membership from our Monthly Meeting, and he read from the old and new FAITH AND PRACTICE texts on this subject. The Clerk will write to ask if she wishes a transfer to the Meeting there.

18. Barbara Gilbert announced that the books balanced for the year 1964-1965 (within 2 cents). Her Treasurer's report, audited by Robert Myers, is attached to these Minutes.

cc. B. Gilbert, R. Myers

19. Phyllis Arard suggested that the next Fellowship Sunday be moved from December 26 to December 19 because that is the Sunday before Christmas. The Meeting approved this change.

cc. P. Agard, A. M. Potter, F. Lowe

20. Ethel DuBois offered the Meeting a Christmas tree, to be chosen and cut from her land by the children of the First Day School. The Meeting accepted her gift with thanks.

cc E. DuBois, S. Fletcher, P. A. F.

21. The foregoing Minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

22. John Foster said that the "Lero" Company - and Ethel DuBois said that the "Lionel" Company - have advertised that they do not manufacture war toys.

cc. J. Foster, E. DuBois, P. Woodbridge

23. The meeting ended at 10:25 p.m. with a brief period of silence. Maximum attendance was 15. Final attendance was 13.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Holmes

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk

Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting

Treasurer's Report for 1964-65 Fiscal Year.

Inregular treasury at beginning of year (June 1, 1964):	$ 697.95	
Contributed toward operating budget during year:	2,744.01	
Contributed toward this year's budget before 6-1-64:	273.80	
Operating receipts for fiscal year:	$ 3,715.76	
Operating expenses ($ 3345 was budgeted):	3,129.32	
Balance in regular treasury as of 5-31-65:		$ 586.44
In Building Fund 6-1-64:	$ 11,636.51	
In Amortization and Interest Fund 6-1-64:	4,057.99	
Contributed toward this year's Am. and Int. Fund before 6-1	375.00	
On hand 6-1-64:	$ 16,069.50	
Contributed during year to both funds:	4,648.08	
Total contributions up to 5-31-65:	$ 20,717.58	
Mortgage money from Amherst Savings Bank:		
Face amount of mortgage: $ 27,000.00		
Less memos of payments made		
by bank prior to 5-31-65: 5,625.00	21,375.00	
Loan from Greenfield Preparative Meeting of Friends:	17,000.00	
Total Receipts for Building, Amortization and Interest:	59,092.58	
Expenditures for Building Fund, Amortization and Interest:	56,397.17	
Balance in Building Fund and Amortization and Interest Accounts:		2,695.41
Balance in Cumulative Fund Accounts 5-31-65:		519.32
TOTAL BALANCE IN TREASURY 5-31-65:		$ 3,801.17
In checking account 5-31-65:	$ 672.52	
In savings account 5-31-65:	3,128.63	
TOTAL FUNDS IN BANK END OF FISCAL YEAR 5-31-65:		$ 3,801.15

Barbara Gilbert: Here are the figures as we worked them out. An extra copy is enclosed for the clerk when you make a report at Meeting for Business. I hope to be present but can never be sure ahead of time. You might like to recheck the items against totals in your books to see if you can pick up the 2¢ discrepancy; you mentioned the books seemed to be 1¢ out the previous year, and I'm not sure whether the amounts carried forward were the amounts on the books or in the bank - this would make the current year off either 1¢ or 3¢, I should think!

Bob Myers
11-21-65

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